

**Tuesday October 15** 

Duncan Campbell talks to André Hanscombe

announced his reform of the

minister who chairs the com-mittee, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney General, and senior

Labour and Tory MPs were locked for hours in intense discussion in a small room

protected by security guards.

Earlier, Miss Boothroyd had told the Commons:

"While the House has been adjourned very serious alle-

gations have been widely

made about the conduct of a

number of members. Indeed, the reputation of the House as

a whole has been called into

"... I would not be doing my duty as Speaker if I

allowed the situation to pass without saying that I believe

very strongly that these mat-ters must be resolved as soon

as possible."
"I hope the Committee on
Standards and Privileges will
find it possible to make an

early special report to the House, so that the full nature

and scope of any investiga-tions which it undertakes may be made known.

Following protests from

senior Labour and Liberal

Democrat MPs, she promised

that Sir Gordon would be

tional powers — which could

be passed by a parliamentary motion of both Houses —

allowing him to investigate al-

legations against David Wil-

whip, accused of interfering in the original inquiry two years

ago into Nell Hamilton's unde-clared stay at the Ritz. It was not clear last night

whether the inquiry would

look into allegations of a more systemic corruption of

Parliament, involving more

widespread payments by Mr

Greer to other MPs and allegations that Mr Hamilton has received payments in cash

and kind worth £10,000 for introducing other clients to lan

Greer's lobbying company. Earlier, Downing Street had again refused to set up a tribunal of inquiry under a senior judge, despite a joint

question.

in private last night to decide given all the resources he how to handle the biggest test needed and promised addi-

'The reputation of the House as a whole

resolved as soon as possible' \_Betty Boothroyd yesterday

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Life after

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must take ur-gent and firm

royd,

action to investigate the "cash for questions" case in-volving disgraced former

minister Neil Hamilton and

lobbyist Ian Greer, warning that the scandal had called

into question the reputation of Parliament.

Her warning came an hour

before the Standards and

Privileges Committee met to

draw up the terms and scope of an inquiry into allegations

that Mr Hamilton had taken tens of thousands of pounds

from Harrods owner, Mo-

hamed Al Fayed to ask ques-

don Downey, the Parliamen-

dards, to hold their hearings in public by saying the in-quiry should be as "transpar-

ent as possible to maintain

of Parliament's ability to in-

vestigate allegations of cor-rupt practices in the Com-

mons since Lord Nolan

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My brother, the comic genius

has been called into question. I believe very

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**Blair puts** emphasis on family

ONY Blair yesterday stepped into the electoral minefield of social morality when he condemned selfish individ-ualism in modern Britain and endorsed traditional family values as essential to the "de-

ter in office.

His speech, delivered in South Africa, was probably the strongest call by a Labour leader for the reassertion of duties over rights as the lynchpin of the welfare state since the 1950s, reflecting the greater freedom he has won to speak his mind to his

party.
Mr Blair insisted he was

In keeping with John Major's Tory conference decision to target "Phoney Tony" per-sonally, senior ministers were quick to denounce the speech as a busybody's charter, the work of a "tele-evan-gelist" beaming a slick mes-sage into Britain from a televised conference abroad.

Bemoaning the decline of family structures, Mr Blair said: "It is within the family that we learn the difference between right and wrong ... It is within the family that we learn that there is such a thing as society. And it is upon the values of the extended family that the decent society will be built." In radio and TV interview last night, Mr Blair said he was aware of the pitfalls poli-

ticians face when preaching morality — "we are the last argued that governments and nurturing families. "At the heart of everything New Labour stands for is the theme of rights and responsi-bilities. For every right we enjoy, we owe responsibil-ities. That is the most basic

Press Union in Cape Town. Some Labour MPs were un-easy about their leader's tone, and Tory officials and minis-ters dutifully piled in to publicise cases where Labour councils have given grants or other encouragement to gay, lesbian and bisexual groups or foster parents.

Asked on Radio 4's World at One whether such post-nu-clear families were among those he endorsed, Mr Blair ducked the obvious elephant trap while stressing that single parent families — mostly the victims of divorce certainly were. "Let social morality be based on reason.

not bigotry."

He declined to apologise for enlarging on earlier "tough love" speeches with a crisp denunciation of the unemployment, social breakdown, richer welfers costs and own, rising welfare costs and crime which he blamed on what he called the mistake of confusing "living in a market econo my with market infallibility." He told his audience: "To suggest that this concern with our traditional values is Conservative is nonsense.

"I have no desire to return to the age of Victorian hypocplace being only in the kitchen, to homophobia or to preaching to people about their private lives as the ill-fated 'back to basics' campaign by the Conservatives attempted to do."

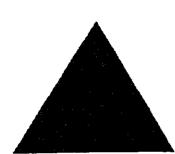
In a hint of battles ahead he even argued that "matching opportunity and responsibility" is the only way to win voter consent to fund the welfare state.

To illustrate his concerns - and his conviction that his Labour voters more than it have a role in strengthening does the "burglar alarm classes" in the middle class suburbs — he backed such policies as Jack Straw's plans to impose curfews on younger children and David Blunkett's home-school contract scheme.

family value of all. You can take, but you give too," Mr Blair told the Commonwealth Leader comment, page 84



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BEST SELLING PREMIUM CASK ALE SINCE 1777

Neil Hamilton: all allegations against him must be investigated thoroughly to restore public confidence in Commons

Morale rises among opposition armies as ously wounded cases have been transferred to Pakistan." white flag still flew in the desperately poor settlement, and the desperately poor settlement.

The Taliban have lost conwhich has no electricity or

complete smokescreen".

The Taliban have lost con-trol of the two main towns on

the road north of Kabul and are under pressure at the Ba-gram air base, north-east of

the capital. The latest military develop-

ments will have encouraged the three leaders of Afghani-

stan's opposition armies.

They yesterday hammered out plans for the next stage of

groups of soldiers eager to drive the Taliban out. "I want

to get rid of them. They are being supported by Paki-stan," said a member of a pro-Massoud force of 70 men in

Labour and Liberal Democrat leaders, Tony Blair and law, abolishing 300 years of parliamentary privileges and parliamentary privileges and freedom of speech, the spokes

Changing that rule would the Guardian which he had

Afghan allies close in on retreating Taliban militia

united leaders plot advance on capital

man said.

However, a year earlier Mr

Major had personally backed an amendment to the Bill of

Rights to allow Mr Hamilton to bring his libel case against

But a spokesman for Com-mander Massoud said: "Our

forces have not yet entered

the capital — they are 2.5 miles to the north." The Taliban suffered a seri-

ous setback during the day

when one of its senior com-manders, Mullah Abdul Ahad, was killed in fighting north of Kabul.

north of Kabul.

The scale of the fighting was indicated by the Pakistan-based Afghan Islamic Press, which quoted witnesses in the eastern city of Jalahabad as saying many Talihan casualties had been ferminate the heart of the part of

ried to the hospital there.
"We have seen lots of wounded and there are not

enough beds for them, so they are lying in the corridors," one witness said. "Lightly

such an inquiry would require changing the Bill of Rights be-

cause proceedings of Parlia-ment should not be "im-

peached or questioned" other than in Parliament Itself.

Jonathan Steele in Barnyan and agencies in Kabul

ROLONGED shooting shattered the calm of the Afghan capital last

night as the Taliban militia

was pushed back to within three miles of Kabul, which it captured so easily last month.

Tracer rounds were visible across the sky, and anti-air-craft guns, small arms, ma-

chine-guns and sporadic artil-lery could be heard for about

No immediate explanation for the shooting could be sought during the currew. It

could be a sign that guerrillas loyal to Ahmed Shah Mas-

soud, the former defence min-

ister, have infiltrated the cap-ital and are planning to

ambush Taliban strongholds.

an hour after 6pm.

letter last week from the require primary legislation dropped at the court door.

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Archy Kirkwood, the Lib- | ald Dewar, the Labour chie

eral Democrat whip, said he whip, expressed concern that believed the Government was Sir Gordon might not have beusing that "as an excuse, as a fore him the full range of

He said it would be perfectly possible for the Commons to appoint a Law Lord, leged payments to him by Mo

mons to appoint a Law Lord, leged payments to him by Mo-hand him a remit and use the 1921 Tribunals Act as a links with US Tobacco must all

out plans for the next stage of their advance, at their second meeting since forming an alliance against the Taliban four days ago.

In their and women. Most passengers were Uzbek and Tajik refugees, escaping a clampdown by the largely Pashtun Taliban militia.

The bumpy dirt-road winds

The rise in morale among the anti-Taliban forces is remarkable. On a fearsome two-day drive up into the Hindu Kush, we encountered plng large rocks into gaps in

Both Mr Kirkwood and Don- they said.

gations levelled at Mr Hamil

be investigated by Sir Gordon,

running water. The Taliban left two days ago, during their

retreat from the north. The same anti-Taliban sen

timents could be heard from

bus passengers staying in Doab overnight. Their "hotel" consisted of two large

rooms with a stove, one each

for men and women. Most

candidates against the 10 Tories in Scotland

Mr Forsyth said before leaving Scotland: "There are campaigners on all sides of

this argument and what I can assure people is that I am not

going to be pressurised.".
Parents of Dunblane vic-

tims made clear last night

that they would continue to press for the possession of

Les Morton, whose daugh-ter Emily was killed, said

There is one indisputable fact in all this — if people have do possession or access

to use guns, particularly handguns, they are not able to

misuse these weapons."-

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handguns to be banned....

handled differently. The Gov-

ernment is expected, at the very least, to accept Lord Cul-

Mr Forsyth, whose Stirling constituency includes Dun-blane and who was emotionally effected by a visit to the school on the day of the mas-

acre, is believed to have been

pushing for tougher action

than Mr Howard, who wanted

Although the two were at

odds a few weeks ago, a con-sensus has been reached. Mr

Forsyth discussed the issue

with Mr Major in the Com-mons last night.

Snowdrop, the parents' pressure group, which has been pushing for a complete

to restrict the ban to homes.

len's recommendations

### Sketch

## Cullen limits handgun ban Ancient rituals shake the House



feet in the new session Bowman, (At the Tory conference a company was drumming up business with free hearing tests. You put on headphones and listened to signals at 500 MHz, 1000, 2000, and finally Elaine Kellett-Bowman level. The trick was, if you were not deaf before tak ing the test, you would be

afterwards. Sadly Mrs Kellett-Bowman's contribution to Ques-tion Time — it was addressed to Virginia Bottomley and seemed to concern the Government's munificent funding of museums — was doubly inaudible because her microphone was off. The Speaker intervened crisply. "I didn't hear a question," she said.

"I said!" cried the dame, and suddenly her mike was switched back on. Several of us were hurled back in our seats. The rats in the Jubilee Line workings scurried in

panic for the river.
"I said 'Would She Accept My Thanks?'," bellowed the dame. Overhead a circuit board fused, and the helicopter flying William Hague to safety almost crashed on the Palace of Westminster.

The ancient rituals of the House satisfied, we could rest our jangling nerves. Jack Cunningham recalled that Mr Major had promised that no one could buy access to ministers. In that case, why had Mrs Bottomley charged people from the tourism industry £500 to have breakfast with

"Anyone who thought that the only way to speak to me was to pay £500 was wasting a great deal of money," she replied. (Actually for the £500 you became a sponsor, and got to talk to Virginia. For £7.50 you could eat without meeting her, and if you agreed to talk to Peter Bottomley, they paid you £50. I made the last bit up.)

Virginia sailed on. "If you want to go to one of the Labou Party's nosh-ups in Park Lane, you have to pay £1,000, she declared, accurately if ir-relevantly. "I am available at every tourism event," she

Oh, bliss! A factorum ap-proaches. "I think you will find the Secretary of State is available," he murmurs. She glides towards you, either pretty in pink or, as yesterday grimmer in grey. "How may I help you?" she asks, and suddenly you think that £50,000 would be too little for this

Streeter, a fella-me-lad in the Lord Chancellor's depart-ment. Chris Mullin wanted to know why of the six latest judges, all were public school live were from Oxbridge, and all were men.

Mr Streeter did not answer. Instead he adopted line num-ber 27 from the whips' handy guide to the election. "You seem to be making an attack on the Old School Tie," he said. "I hope you have clear this with your party leader.' The attempt to make

Labour the party of privilege was started by the Prime Min-ister last week. This is the man who spotted the merit-ocratic talent of the Viscount

Sir Anthony Grant said: "Most people would prefer to be tried by their elders and betters rather than by some ghastly, politically correct ju-diciary!" It was a moment of pure nostalgia. Twenty years ago Tory MPs said things like that all the time.

disgraceful for Messrs Blair and Ashdown to have quoted "privileged" document, the one which exposed the whips' attempts to hide the Kwik-Kash for Kwestions scandal. He got his answer swiftly from the Speaker, who demanded a she will not sweep this under

Chris Patten is fighting the quarantine laws. It is a controversial topic. Many Euro-sceptics will struggle to the end to oblige Mr Patten, on his return from Hong Kong next year, to spend six months banged up in kennels.

### Review

## Seeds of doubt on freezing funk

Pat Kane

Glasgow Barrowlands

S funk defunct? In the current spectrum of global dance culture, where digitality rules and the groove is definitely weird, there would seem to be less and less space for the legacy of Brown, Stone, Wonder and Clinton, Sure, funkiness throbs through modern R'n'B and hip-hop like a distant pulse, the underlying human logic of all those zeros and ones. But the original jam - that heaving hump of sweaty collectivity, on a stage or in a studio, that is recognisably The Funk -- is now rarely to be found.

So when London's Jamiro-quai not only stay loyal to Mr Brown's metaphysic over three albums, but also manage a genuine top five hit out of it (the recent Virtual Insanity), a certain respect is due. And going by the mass ecstasy displayed at Glasgow's Barrowlands, the popular appetite for nine men playing on the One has not noticeably diminished. But even this soul-boy would have to admit that Jahorn-blaring, bass-snapping acid-jazzers in their wake provide a thoroughly conservative pleasure.

Some things are worth con-serving, though. As James Blood Ulmer once said, "jazz is the teacher: funk is the preacher." Jamiroquai are not the only people trying to conduct a serious traffic be-tween two distant realms of the black musical tradition : jazz virtuosity and dance-floor necessity. But they're doing serious duty in this concert serious duty in this concert hall at least: neo-bop born arrangements lock with vicious syncopations, chords rob the dark vaults of Horace Silver and Herbie Hancock, all orchestrated by the little white guy in the furry hat.

And it's lead singer and band leader Jay who holds the thing together and sows seeds of doubt about the whole deal. His star presence is undeniable — a lissom voice that drinks deeply at the well of the young Stevie Wonder, chicken walk stage moves that disarm you with their unembarrassed enthusiasm; and a Cockneyeeezer chirpiness that wins over even a Glasgow crowd.

But things eventually begin to chafe — one sub-disco stomp too many — and you wonder whether Jamiroquai is about the sustenance of The Funk, or its slow death. There's no white boy loves his traditional Bootsy more than this urban Scot, but I've often feared a curatorial approach to black music tradition; that you

freeze a historical moment say the seventies glory of Sly and James — for reasons of 'authenticity'' that may not, a heart, be entirely noble. If leading black music in the

nineties is futuristically out there — drum'n bass, rap nihilism, the DJ aesthetic — per haps funk has had its day. Jus as blues disconnected from the black audience, and into the hands of white aficionados. funk may be making the same separation (witness Simply Red's extraordinary success in Mondeo-Land). As Jay and his crew simulate the high times, I'm with them on every squeak of their trainers. But for all the fun, Jamiroquai leave me sadder than when I entered. And when the didgeri doo player comes on, it all seems rather senseless. De-funkt, even.

Ewen MacAskili, Chief Political Corresponden

HE long-awaited Cullen report into the Dunblane mas-sacre is to recom-

mend a ban on handguns being held in

homes, but stops well short of

the complete ban demanded

by Dunblane parents, in-

formed sources said last night. Instead, handguns are

The report, expected to be published tomorrow, also

contains a reprimand for the

Central Scotland police over

giving an arms certificate to

the mass murderer Thomas

Judge

earnest

says

to be stored at gun clubs.

limpse of heaven . . . Later we heard from Gary

Cranborne, aka Baron Cecil of Essendon, and gave him his first leg up in life.

Mr Streeter claimed it was

the carpet. Meanwhile we learn that

### swift and thorough investiga-tion. Unlike the Government, her at the conference?

plea by patient to help led to

him die genuine act of mercy



Dunblane report to recommend weapons be stored at clubs 

Police criticised over killer's certificate

run several boys' clubs. The report, which runs to

departments.

get a certificate.

11 chapters, much of it very legalistic, was collected from

Lord Cullen's Edinburgh

home yesterday by Scottish Office officials and distrib-

uted to other government

Central Scotland police get off relatively lightly. Among the warnings about Hamil-ton's disturbing behaviour well before the massacre had

been one from a police officer,

but Hamilton was still able to

Although Lord Cullen is critical of the police, he restricts it mainly to saying

things could have been

Hamilton in spite of warnings | Home Secretary, Michael | with children. Hamilton had |

Howard, will meet this morning to decide the Govern-

ment's response. Lord Cullen's report, Public

inquiry Into Shooting At Dun-

blane Primary, which runs to 197 pages, makes 20 recom-mendations. The main one

recommends "restricting"

possession by individuals o

handeuns (self-loading and

revolvers) of whatever calibre

from homes. About 60,000

people at present legally hold

Other recommendations cover a tightening of arms

certification, improving secu-

rity at gun clubs, better school security, and the vet-

ting of individuals involved

handguns at home.

from the community about

Lord Cullen conducted the

five-week public inquiry into the massacre at Dunblane pri-

mary school in March in which Hamilton shot dead 16

children and their teacher be-fore killing himself.

The report will bring a furi-

ous response not only from the parents but from the

Labour Party, which wants a

ban on all handguns, with the

possible exception of small single-shot handguns under

22 inch calibre used for

John Major and key minis-

ters, the Scottish Secretary, Michael Forsyth, and the

Olympic shooting

Paul Brady leaves the High Court in Glasgow after being admonished for the culpable homicide of his brother, James, top left

## Man who killed incurable brother freed

**Erlend Clouston** 

IPPORTERS of voluntary euthanasia day after a court elected not to punish a man who had smothered his incurably-ill brother.

Paul Brady was told by Lord Macfadyen in the High Court in Glasgow that he accepted the killing was prompted by the victim's "earnest and plainly heartfelt request." Mr Brady was offi-cially admonished, a Scots law sanction applied when a defendant is convicted but not

Huddersfield, was originally charged with murdering his 40-year-old brother James, who had been suffering the advanced stages of the bodywasting disease Huntington's Chorea. His release will en-courage campalgners for a tions in Scotland. "The dan-Chorea. His release will enchange in the legal status of mercy killings.

"There is now a trend towards treating cases of vol-untary euthanasia in a more lenient way, which is the law catching up with public opinion," a spokeswoman for the Voluntary Euthanasia Society said yesterday. "It now needs to go just one step fur-ther to enable this to be done

formation Fatigue Syndrome (IFS), whereby megabytes of information

- caught on the Internet, in fax-trays, voice-mail-

erode and ultimately destroy the intelligence, per-sonal lives and nervous sys-

tems of humans. Half the

senior managers working in the industrial super-

powers are already stricken with IFS.

boxes, e-mail queues -

high-profile advocate of vol-untary euthanasia, said he was pleased at the judge's decision. There was criticism, how-

ger of this kind of verdict is the message it might give to very vulnerable people wondering about their worth, their value and dignity as human beings," said Ann Allen, the vice-convener of the Church of Scotland's board of social responsibility. Yesterday's case had attracted particular attention because of the intensely per-

Mr Brady, aged 37, from | legally and safely by doctors." | sonal nature of the tragedy, | Day after feeding him an ex- | he had acted out of compas-luddersfield, was originally | Ludovic Kennedy, the most | and the Brady family's will- | cessive amount of tranquil- | sion rather than malice. "You ingness to co-operate with a television documentary on

At an earlier hearing, the court had heard that Paul and James's mother had died from Huntington's Chorea, which has a 50 per cent chance of being inherited by a victim's children. James, who was diagnosed in 1985, had been eventually grotesquely disabled by the condition, caused by a flawed gene at-tacking the central nervous system.

Paul Brady had admitted placing a pillow over his Releasing Brady, Lord Mac-brother's head last Boxing fadyen said he was satisfied

cessive amount of tranquil-lisers and alcohol. The James, a long-term nursing home patient whose body was regularly contorted by muscle spasms, had begged him to kill him during a Christmas

break at their sister Margaret's Glasgow flat. During the trial, in which the Crown accepted Brady's plea of guilty to a reduced charge of culpable homicide, it was alleged that James had also asked Margaret to help him die, but she had lacked the nerve.

sion rather than malice. "You brought your brother's life to an end at his own earnest and prolonged heartfelt request," he said. A custodial sentence, he noted, "would add to the already substantial suffering of those close to you.

As he left the court Mr Brady,hugged by supporters, said: "I am just relieved for myself and the whole family." The last British person to be jailed for helping a relative to die was Mancunian Tony Cocker. He was released in 1992 after serving four years of a life sentence imposed for the killing of his incurably-ill wife Esther.

If you don't have the time to take in all the information in this report you could be suffering from a bout of Information Fatigue Syndrome

Ed Vulliamy

N ACT of heresy against An ACT or neces and the religion of our time was committed yesterday. It was proclaimed in a public cyber-place that the glut of electronic information which vomits into people's working lives is not a deity. but a pestilence sweeping the planet, causing illness, stress and "foolish deci-sions" in business.

The irony, and the heresv. lie in this discovery having been made - and released yesterday — by one of the world's most illustrious disseminators of electronic information: Reuters News Agency.
A report called Dying for The bacillus is called In-

Information? was commissioned from Britain's Beuchmark Research company by Reuters Business Information, part of the

The foreword by David Lewis, a psychiatrist and member of the International Stress Management Association, says: "The worldwide burden of keeping up with the information. ing up with the information explosion has led to soaring executive stress, loss of job

satisfaction and physical ill-health. Unless we can discover ways of staying afloat amidst the surging torrents of information we may end up drowning in them

The infected executives are wound up, Dr Lewis says, into a "hyper-aroused psychological condition . . . the inevitable outcome of which are foolish decisions and flawed conclusions" The symptoms of IFS include "paralysis of analyti-cal capacity", "anxiety and self-doubt", and a tendency to blame others for the

errors that ensue. The results are "time-wasting, delaying important busl-ness decisions, tension and in some cases illness".

utives from the United States, Singapore, Hong Kong, Britain and Australia were asked about their exposure to the info-plague. Half said they were "un-able to handle the information they receive". 31 per

cent received "enormous amounts of unsolicited in-formation" and 43 per cent are believed to suffer ill health as a direct conse-quence. Those from Singa-pore suffer the most, fol-lowed by Britain, then the

said their personal disappear in a rapture of relationships had suffered. submission."

A hefty 94 per cent "do not believe the situation will

Of Singapore's managers. 68 per cent expected the next two years to be even more stressful, followed by

58 per cent in Britain. Mark Slouka, one of those who created the Internet, likened the information cascade to a "digital hive". He predicted: "In the very near future, human very near nuture, numan-beings will succeed in wir-ing themselves together to such an extent that individ-ualism will cease to exist.

Half said they take work home or work late to deal with the volume of information, and 61 per cent said their personal relationships here.

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## Speculation centres on sports impresario

Manchester Utd

Tuesday October

frenzy over takeover sees shares soar



rs of Manchester United, double-double winners at the vanguard of off-pitch football merchandising and promotion

# United sell-off talk at fever pitch

## Paul Murphy and Lisa Buckingham

IVE months after becoming the first football team to win the FA Cup and the Premiership in the same on two occasions, Manchester United were confirmed yesterday as the City of London's favourite for a multi-million

Speculation before the weekend that a big leisure company, such as television combine Granada or brewing giant Whitbread, was interested in paying £450 million or more for the club turned to a frenzy, sending shares in Manchester United up nearly 10 per cent to 558p.

Hopes that a corporate predator may be in the wings have driven up the club's stock by more than a quarter over the past week. The share price has almost tripled this

On Friday, Whitbread was forced by the Stock Exchange to issue a statement denying any interest in the club, while Granada has said it is not planning a takeover

The level of speculation has also caused United's board of directors, led by Michael Ed-wards, to state publicly that it is not in talks to sell the club. Stock market punters think differently. Last month it emerged that VCI, a video and publishing group headed by Channel Four chief executive, Michael Grade, offered to pay £300 million for United just after May's FA Cup final suc-

cess against Liverpool.
Yesterday, speculation centred on the sports impresario Mark McCormack, whose sports promotions company IMG has made little secret of its desire to expand into football. The firm, which recently took a major stake in a stock market-listed golfing company, PGA European Golf

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Tours, refused to comment. Having dismissed football as a business "run from the heart rather than for the wallet", City analysts have fallen in love with the sport over the past year, excited by the pros-

Granada: Chaired by Irishman Gerry Robinson, Granada is one of the City's most colourful corporate bruisers. The group triumphed with a £3.8 billion aggressive bid for the

Forte hotels and roadside eateries empire not long after it staged the first hostile assault on an ITV company — LWT. In addition to Granada and LWT, the company has a powerful shareholding in Yorkshire Tyne Tees Television, for which it is expected to bid.

The group - which rivals Carlton Communications as the most influential commercial terrestrial television organisation — has also joined forces with the broadcaster BSkyB, in which it owns shares, to produce satellite channels.

Run with brutally tight management controls, Granada also has interests in motorway service stations, commercial catering and the eponymous high street rental chain.

International Management Group: The corporate face of the sports management guru, Mark McCormack. IMG is the latest name to be linked with Manchester United as a potential bidder.

The company has ales of about £650 million a year and employs some 2,000 people in about 28 countries.

Mr McCormack's group is the largest independent producer of televised sports programmes through its rans World International division as well as representing sports personalities such as the golfer Nick Faldo and tennis stars Andre Agassi and Martina Navratilova.

Since its formation with names such as Arnold Palmer and Gary Player in the early 1960s, IMG has expanded its business to take in the management of classical music events and it now owns two international modelling agencies.

# GRANADA IMG UN YC.

Formed from the merger of the Express newspaper group, United, and Lord Hollick's MAI group, United News is still going through changes which resulted from the £3 billion tie up. This includes a multi-million pound shake-up at the

Express titles. The company is regarded as looking for acquisitions — it has been named as a potential bidder for the Blenheim exhibitions group and is routinely linked with media tar-

gets. As the owner of the ITV companies, Meridian and Anglia, United is already one of the major players in Channel 3 and is a stakebolder in the planned Channel 5.

Much of the earnings of United — unique for bringing a socialist and a Conservative peer, Lords Hollick and Stevens, together in the same boardroom --come from America. where it has a strong trade publication and exhibitions operation. The company also operates a money broking business.

VCI: The video distribution company chaired by the Channel 4 boss, Michael Grade, made in formal overtures to Manchester United last summer. These approaches were never put to shareholders.

**But City sources say** VCI was ready to dig deep-it is valued on the stock market at less than the football cluband offer about £300 million for United - a figure which was regarded as too small by the Manchester board.

VCI, which last year acquired the André Deutsch publishing imprint, has already spent about £10 million to buy the rights to Manchester United books and videos. The company has produced videos featuring "famous reds" such as Eric Cantona and Ryan Giggs. More traditional offerings from the company include videos of the BBC's Top Gear series, as well as Mr Bean, Men Behaving Badly and Les Miserables — In

Whitbread: Britain's fourth biggest brewer with sales of nearly £2.8 billion a year and brands such as Boddington's and Stella Artois has been refocusing its business on the retailing side of wining and dining, with restaurant chains such as Brewers Fayre, Café Rouge, Beefeater and the David Lloyd group of leisure

clubs. The company runs the Thresher off-licence chain and is also one of the largest owners of pubs in the country. It has been building up its estate of largely midprice hotels, and runs 16 Marriott hotels in the

Whitbread claims to be the second largest operator in Britain's eating out market — after McDonald's — with about 1,000 outlets around the country. Its other major fast food brands include Pizza Hut, which it runs as a joint venture with PepsiCo of the US.

## **Belgian fury as** paedophile case judge is dropped

Stephen Bates in Brussels

ELGIUM'S justice sys-tem was under renewed public assault last night after a much-praised local magistrate investigating the paedophile scandal was removed from the case for accepting a plate of spaghetti paid for by campaigners against child abuse. Jean-Marc Connerotte was

ordered to stand down by the Cour de Cassation — the highest court in Belgium amid widespread public dem-onstrations in his support, after lawyers acting for the leading suspects claimed his impartiality had been

compromised.

This is the second prominent case from which Mr Connerotte has been removed. Three years ago he was taken off an investigation into the murder of the former deputy prime minister André Cools, on the instructions of the chief magistrate just as he chief magistrate, just as he case. The apparent reason was rivalry between judicial

terday, Oscar Stranard, the president of the tribunal of five judges, said: "The deci-sion was made given that the impartiality of magistrates is fundamental."

The ruling occurred despite

intense pressure, including an appeal from the prime minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, for the judges to be "creative" in applying the law with tol-erance, and a petition signed by more than 300,000

Belgians. Thousands attended week-end demonstrations, and the Belgian railway network has promised to subsidise the fares of those attending mass The ruling revived criticism of the judiciary for failing to make progress in highprofile investigations.

There was widespread outrage that Mr Connerotte, who has become a national hero for his energetic conduct of the case, should be dropped at the behest of lawyers acting for the reviled Marc Dutroux and Michel Nihoul.

The parents of the four young girls allegedly ab-ducted and murdered by Mr Dutroux and his associates demonstrated angrily with a crowd of up to 700 people out-side the court.

There were chants of "As-sassins, assassins," as lawyers entered the building, and ban-ners saying: "For the sake of our children, judge wisely." Paul Marchal, the father of teenage girl kidnapped and killed by the gang, said: "It is

ice is dead in Belgium. eight-year-old girl who starved to death in a cell in This decision spits on our daughters' graves

Mr Connerotte attended a fund-raising dinner organised by a group campaigning against child abuse three had, as investigating magis-trate, to prepare files out-lining both sides of the case.

The horror of the investiga accused have left no one prepared to offer Mr Dutroux the penefit of the doubt. He is routinely described in the Bel-gian media as a monster.

The court ruled that the investigation should remain based in Mr Connerotte's home district of Neufchateau, with the rest of the team including his close colleague, the prosecutor Michel Bourlet

## Allies approach Afghan capital

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Ten miles along it, the rust- took over Kabul in 1992 when ing carcases of Soviet tanks the government of Moham-rest in the river bed. None med Najibullah fell. They rest in the river bed. None penetrated further. Unlike the tarmac highways which are littered with useless Soviet hardware, the old royal road from Doshi up to the wide valley of Bamyan was never reached by the Russians after that first fatal attempt. Now this part of the road is a no-go

area for the Taliban as well. In the wide Bamyan valley. 8,000ft above sea-level, the road enters the heartland of the Hazara people, an ancient Shi'ite community almost wiped out by Genghis Khan in the 13th century. Abdul Karim Khalili, their leader, was one of the trio of anti-Taliban leaders who met yes-terday, along with Cmdr Massoud and General Abdul Rashid Dostam, the Uzbek

Gen Dostam recognised the ousted government yesterday, but held back from joining a military alliance with its forces around Kabul.

The Russians ran occasional convoys to Bamyan on the second stage of the rocky road down to Kabul. But the Taliban were driven from here, too, at the weekend. Mr Khalili's forces now control Ghorband, a key town on the hills above the main road to the capital.

Mr Khalili's forces were part | ranged against them.

later broke with Cmdr Mas-soud. Faced with the greater threat of the Taliban, they have now buried their enmity to become a Massoud ally.

Sitting cross-legged on a carpeted floor during lunch, Kurban Ali Erfani, Hizbe Wahadat's second-in-command, told us why. With him was one of the 56 Hazara ayatollahs. As Shi'ites, the Hazara fear the militant Sunni fundamentalism of the Taliban. We accept women working and girls going to school. We don't want to withdraw from the world," Mr Erfani said.

The Taliban's Pashtun nationalism is another source of alarm. "In talks with the Taliequal rights, but had no posi-tive response," he added.

The third, and perhaps greatest, factor is that the Hazara's leader, Abdul Ali Mazari, was captured by the Taliban last year and killed in custody. The Taliban claimed he had grabbed a Kalashni-kov rifle while in a helicopter. But reporters had earlier seen him tied up in a room in

a state of terror. Hizbe Wahadat's alliance with Cmdr Massoud and Gen Dostam deprives the Taliban of their last potential ally. Known as Hizbe Wahadat, Every fighting group is

Under chief executive have been at the vanguard of earlier, partly due to rebuild-

nues from pay-as-you-view television and encouraged by widen their revenue base from the turnstiles to

pect of potentially huge reve- | Michael Edwards, Manches-nues from pay-as-you-view | ter United have led the way in moves among the big clubs to mercially-inspired business. widen their revenue base They helped force BSkyB, the from the turnstiles to sponsorship, strip sales, and corporate entertainment. satellite TV channel, to hike payments for exclusive access to Premiership action, and

turning football into a com-

than a third of their total revenue, which reached £53 mil-

"off-pitch" merchandising and promotion.

Sales of tickets and programmes account for less almost 40 per cent of the busilion in the year to July 31 — down from £60 million a year

Concert.

ness, sponsorship deals 12 per cent, television 11 per cent, and conference facilities 6 per cent. The club are diversifying off the pitch -- for exam- the beginning of the year.

The strategy has paid off for Mr Edwards, whose 12 per cent stake is worth about £42

million, against £14 million at



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## Patient cleared of taking hostages

PSYCHIATRIC pa-tient was cleared of violent hostage-tak-ing yesterday after a court heard him described as a whistleblower who had exfitution and racism inside a leading secure hospital.

The jury at Liverpool crown court took two hours to throw out charges that Byron Tomlinson, aged 35, a victim of paranoia and other disorders, had held a consultant psychologist and a patient at knifepoint in Ashworth hos-pital, Maghull, Merseyside.

Mr Tomlinson jumped punched the air and clapped as the jury filed out, before he was taken back to the hospi-tal. He had denied threatening psychologist Laraine el-Jazair and patient Roger Packham with a carving knife and had maintained that his ward at Ashworth was run by racketeering patients with

connivance from staff.
The incident in June 1994 led to an inquiry at Ashworth which resulted in the dismissal of a male nurse and 'appropriate disciplinary proceedings" against other staff

Joel Bennathan, defending, had told the jury the case was "all about corruption and fear. [Mr Tomlinson] is the whistleblower who blew the top off this tin of worms."

The court heard crown allegations that Mr Tomlinson had gone wild after the can-cellation of a visit by his girlcharged the locked door of a staff room, seized the knife and imprisoned Mrs el-Jazair and Mr Packham in the ward library where they had been having a counselling session. Mr Tomlinson had been

serving a long sentence at Whitemoor prison in Cambridgeshire but had asked for referral to Ashworth for He denied threatening the doctor and Mr Packham, telling the court that he had taken refuge in the library

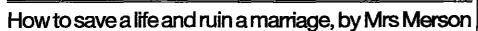
worth's control and restraint unit had been mobilised He said he feared for his life and cited newspaper reports of Orville Blackwood, another black secure hospital patient. who died three years ago after a tranquilliser injection at Broadmoor, where he had thrown a punch at a doctor.

Merseyside police officers be-cause they were an indepenent party. Mr Tomlinson admitted los-

ing control before the incident - because he was denied five months' experience of Ashworth's Owen Ward. He said nursing staff had colluded with patients to and prostitution, as well as running a catalogue scam to order TVs and expensive ornamental sundials.

other nations, John O'Neill. into halves nicknamed East and West Berlin and that a gang of patients and staff on erated in West Berlin. He had after a male nurse was suspended because of scarn al gations, and an attempt had been made to set his room on

The hospital said last night it was "disappointed with the verdict" because of the trauma suffered by the psy-chologist, who had subsequently retired, and the pa-tient. "We do not regret bringing the case. to make it clear that this sort of behaviour by patients will



Alex Bellos

COOTBALLER Paul Merson's recovery from addicbling saved his life but wrecked his marriage, he and his wife said yesterday.

Lorraine Merson, the Arsenal star's childhood sweetheart and mother of his three children, said she felt rejected and unappreciated after helping him conquer his

"I have seen it in the papers. People say, Lorraine stopped drinking and I would is a backbone' — but that's probably be dead now. But All cried out, G2, page 4.

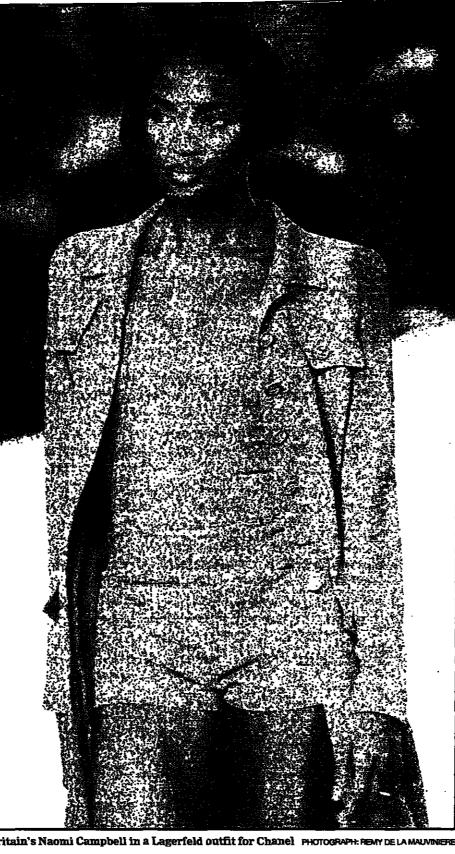
the papers, that's not my hus how after everything I don't like this life and God knows "Everyone has forgotten about the person who lives

with them, and it has taken its toll on me," she said. But Merson, who is planning to move out of the family home in Chiswell Green. thought he had become too boring for his wife because he never wanted to go out for fear of returning to the bottle. "I know I owe her everyher I would never have

Lorraine can't like it. It is so

"Lorraine needs a life. She wants to go out for meals but I restaurant.'

Merson, aged 28, who had his teens, slid into a spiral of gambling and cocaine abuse in his mid-20s. After he confessed his addictions to news papers he slowly rebuilt his recalled for England.



Britain's Naomi Campbell in a Lagerfeld outfit for Chanel PHOTOGRAPH: REMY DE LA MAUVINERE





John Galliano (left), moving to Dior from Givenchy, an

## Britons become cocks of the Paris catwalk

RITISH talent score twice in the halls of Parisian fashion yesterday when flamboyant designer John Galliano landed the top job at France's oldest and most raven-haired siren and lucrative house, Christian nant the blonde bimbo. Dior, and Alexander McQueen, who invented bumster trousers, was ap-pointed to fill Galliano's shoes at Givenchy.

Galliano, dreadlocked son of a south London | send-up of that famous plumber, is rumoured to have been secured for a salary above £1 million. Three times Designer of the Year, and two haute couture collections each year for Dior and continue designing for his own label.

Since arriving at Given chy a year ago, Galliano has transformed its strait-laced linear clothes into some of gold string bag? imaginative creations in Paris, pushing down the age McQueen, 27-year-old pants, all in pastel tweeds maverick of British fash- with sparkly braid trim. versy with his themes of enormously good fun, a fit-rape, famine and car ting end to what has been crashes. He will earn a six- one of the great weeks in

when Karl Lagerfeld sent models Claudia Schiffer huge conveyor belt wearing black and blonde doll wigs. The famously blonde Schiffer had become the raven-haired siren and Ten-

past her sell-by date, suit-able only for promotions. He was as good as his word. The show was devoted to a double-linked C — the con veyor belt a huge joke on petite for all things Chanel.

In Japan, the Chanel bas is in such demand that buy more than three at a latest: a transparent oblong like a lunchbox? Or the

tweed cardigan suit was slimmed down to a skin

## Quarantine laws are under pressure as Britain rejects EC plans senior vets back change in rabies rules for cuts in fishing fleet

RESSURE for a change in Britain's animal quarantine rules will intensify tomorrow when a group of eminent veterinary surgeons demands that the Government scrap the world's toughest rabies

In the most significant breaking of veterinary estab-lishment ranks over the issue, Vets In Support of Change, launched by Lord Soulsby of Cambridge University, Richard Halliwell of Edinburgh University, and five other senior vets, will join calls for a system based on vaccination and identification. A statement signed by all seven founders states: The present laws are an anachronism and indefensible on scientific grounds."

Their intervention comes amid increasingly heated exchanges between supporters and opponents of the current system following reports that the Government is set to bow to demands for reform.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, has circulated a paper to his cabinet col-

leagues suggesting a review to consider abandoning the current laws in favour of a along the lines of an initiative in Sweden.

Officials are said to have been impressed by the Swed-ish scheme, which has abolished quarantine for animals from European Union countries and replaced it with a strict system of vaccination, blood testing and identifica-tion by means of a microchip implanted in the animal.
The number of animals

being smuggled into the country illegally has also been drastically reduced. As the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday played down the reports, insisting the Gov-ernment had no intention of lifting the controls, campaign-

Richard Norton-Taylor

THE Court of Appeal yester day dismissed a prosecu-

tion attempt to obtain a

retrial of Colin Wallace, the

former army information offi-cer who exposed a covert

black propaganda operation in Northern Ireland.

Lord Justice Bingham, the

Lord Chief Justice, said a retrial of Mr Wallace —

slaughter of a friend 16 years

that the existing rules, en-forced since 1901, have become untenable

Pressure for change has the sonnel and diplomats, including Chris Patten, governor of Hong Kong, who this week described the rules as preposterous. Animal welfare groups, including the RSPCA, have

mongering" about the risk of rabies being imported into this country. "That is no longer justifiable." But Guy Tamplin, chair-man of the Quarantine Ken-

the other foot. These people go on about thousands of deaths in quarantine each year when there are pub-lished figures which prove He said the case for the ex-

port the status quo. A spokes-woman for the British Mediprotection which we now

have." The British Veteri-nary Association takes a sim-More than 5,000 dogs and 3,000 cats a year go into quarantine for six months under the existing rules, providing the country's kennel owners ers seized on the story as evidence that ministers were mated £10 million a year.

of justice.
After the ruling, Mr Wal

lace, aged 53, repeated his calls for a full inquiry into the

conduct of his trial. He said evidence had been "manufac-

He referred in particular to

SAS uniform which was

passed to the media just as the jury was about to hear

evidence relating to the

photograph of him in full

tured and manipulated".

also called for a review, and a report by MPs last year backed change.

Lady Fretwell, chairwoman of the anti-quarantine group, Passports for Pets, said: "I wish they had done it two years ago following the select committee report."

She accused opponents of change of "intentional scare-

nel Owners Association, im-mediately hit back. "I would say the boot is very firmly on

isting rules remained strong. Europe has rables and we don't. Rabies costs a lot of money which we don't have to pay. It's as simple as that." Powerful organisations supcal Association said: "We are not opposed to a passport scheme per se. But having recognised the enormous threat from rabies, we are not convinced that alternatives could offer the same levels of



Jonathan Miller with Sam yesterday.

### Solitary confinement for six months and no exercise – it is cruel, costly and unavailing'

O STRANGERS, Sam appears to be a typical rabies vaccinations and tests bouncy seven-year-old mon-grel. But safely back home in Hampstead, north London, a week after being collected from quarantine kennels in Surrey, he is only now getting back to his former self, according to his owner, Jonathan Miller, writes Stuart

"When we collected him he was really unfit because he had not been exercised, and we had to reteach him all his manners," Mr Miller, a writer, said yesterday.

Appeal judges reject prosecution attempt to obtain a retrial of Colin Wallace

also said police documents about alleged criminal activi-ties in the antique trade,

since passed to his lawyers

nal trial.

Michael Mansfield QC, for Mr Wallace, told the court yesterday that the trial had taken place against the background of "innuendo and supposition." The prosecution, he said, had been "completely flummoxed" by fresh medical.

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were not revealed at the origi-

ago was quashed last week — friend, Jonathan Lewis. He would not be in the interests also said police documents

attack on his antique dealer | and forensic evidence.

nal trial.

when the Millers moved to New York but still had to spend six months in the quarantine kennels on their

return to Britain. Mr Miller blames the system rather than the kennels for the change in Sam. "It is cruel Even in these kennels, which appeared to follow best practice and were recommended to me, animals are kept in what is effectively sol-itary confinement, and they are not allowed to be

Ann Curno QC, for the pros-ecution, argued that the ques-tion of whether Mr Wallace

Lewis's death remained

Lord Bingham, sitting with

Mr Justice Owen and Mr Jus-

tice Connell, questioned whether a new trial would be

practicable or desirable. The

prosecution had changed its case at the appeal from what it was at the trial, he said.

"We visited Sam several times and my kids were dis-traught at the conditions; it was like a prison. Dogs were barking constantly and in a pathetic state. And they don't

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GODWIN

understand why they are being put through this kind of treatment." He is not surprised that some people are tempted to smuggle their pets into the country, given the prohibitive

cost of quarantine. "In total they charged me well over £2,000, basically for feeding him and cleaning out his He said the claim that strict quarantine is necessary to keep rabies out of the UK was

"plainly untrue. If I thought this was improving public health I would grudgingly ac-cept it, but it does nothing."

before he drowned in the river Arun, at Arundel, West

Sussex, and not — as was argued at the trial — some

hours before, with the body hidden either in Mr Wallace's

home or in the boot of his car. The prosecution conceded at

the appeal that the presence of blood in the boot of the car

was irrelevant, though it was

argued as significant at the trial.

Mr Wallace was jailed for 10

### THE British Government last night rejected out of

hand European Commission plans for sweeping cuts in the British fishing fleet in an effort to combat the depletion of fish stocks.

The fisheries minister. Tony Baldry, told a meeting in Luxembourg yesterday that Britain could not agree any substantial cuts until new rules had been introduced to ban the transfer of British fishing quotas to other countries.

The commission's proposals, which follow a scientific report warning of imminent exhaustion of some key fish stocks, met with predictable opposition from the EU fish-

ing nations.
But last night commission officials predicted that an amended version of their plan would probably win majority support among the 15 EU governments by the end of this year. This could mean Britain would be outvoted in its at-tempts to block further man-

ing fleet. Mr Baldy said he had made it clear that there was "no question of Britain going along with further substantial, mandatory reductions in its fishing fleet until the whole issue of quota hopping is resolved.'

He would not be drawn on what Britain would do in the event of a clear majority in favour of an across-the-board cut in fishing fleets being agreed by the Council of Ministers.

John Major has already threatened to veto any change to the Maastricht Treaty, in the separate intergovernmental talks about a new treaty of European union. But the Prime Minister will not be able to use his veto over pro-posed fishing cuts which, under the present Maastricht Treaty, can be decided on a

qualified majority vote.

Speaking after the meeting. the EU fishing commissioner, Emma Bonino, said that governments had to face up to the facts of chronic over-fishing throughout the European the economic benefit Union's fishing waters. "The fishing communities".

far too many fishermen pur-suing far too few fish," she "We can either tackle this through the brutal law of the marketplace or plan to bring our fishing capacity more into line with what the fish stocks demand." Ms Bonino insisted that her

proposals would project the fishing fleets of the smaller, coastal fleets. She added that the British government's constant insistence on changes to outlaw quota hopping was "becoming something of an alibi." The Commission has noted reports from the UK about fishermen ignoring existing catch restrictions.

"There is no justification for catching fish illegally and I have made it clear that the Government will do all in its powers to tackle this issue, Mr Baldry replied.

Addressing the council, Mr Baldry said that Spanish and other foreign fishermen now controlled over 20 per cent of Britain's offshore fleet tounage, which brought "very little economic benefit to our

### **Bottomley endorses Cubist** | Court slashes tenet of 'disturbing art'

Modern rallying cry by minister makes experts' eyebrows rise

Dan Glaister Arts Correspondent

AST week it was light opera and the spirit of Gilbert and Sullivan. Yesterday Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, embraced the modern with a quotation from the Cubist painter Georges Braque: "All art is

meant to disturb". Speaking to the Royal Society of Arts, Mrs Bottomley sald: "Artists are different, and new art works and forms have sometimes challenged the current consensus. It is part of my role to create a framework in which the experimental is supported."

To back up this departure in the credo of the Department of National Harting

ment of National Heritage, Mrs Bottomley invoked the names of three of the stars of modern British art, Damien

of sliced bread; while White problem

read gained attention with her concrete cast of a terraced house in east London.

However, art experts were divided yesterday on the validity of Mrs Bottomley's remarks. The three artists are the last three winners of the Turner prize. "It's slightly naive to think that these artists are challenging or part of the avant-garde," critic Andrew Graham-Dixon told

David Leigh, editor of Art Review, said: "They are the ert of the state. I don't think they are in any way experi-mental. The category of avant garde has become institu-tionalised."

In a wide-ranging speech, Mrs Bottomley announced the provision of £25 million from the National Lottery and the Department for Education and Employment to fund 1,000 places for dance and drama

The department announced it would contribute £9 million over three years to the cheme, to be administered by the Arts Council Lord Gowrie, chairman of

the Arts Council, welcomed the initiative, but stressed Hirst, Rachel Whiteread and | that the funds would provide Anthony Gormley.

Hirst is chiefly known for dipping sheep in formaldehyde, and leaving them there:
Gormley once made a bed out of elication broads while White.

## driving ban for anorexic star of Street soap

Clare Longrigg

ACORONATION Street star has been given a drasti-cally reduced driving han for speeding, so she can continue to get treatment for anorexis.

Tracy Shaw, who plays the
man-eating hairdresser Maxine Heavey in the ITV soap, was expecting a six month disqualification after her third speeding offence. But magistrates at Buxton court decided a long ban would set the offert her page 1 for the second set the second second set the second s ously affect her recovery from the eating disorder, and

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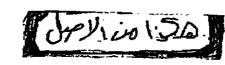
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banned her for hist 56 days.

The actress needs the car to commute between her cosmisellor in Derby and the Granada studios in Manchester "They were obviously lenient with me," Ms. Shaw said
yesterday. "I was surprised,
because the thing about an
orexia is that nobody understands it. You're labelled a
bad person, and it's a very
hard disease to get over You
can get through it int. you

can get through it but you still need counselling." Ms Shaw, aged 23, who plays hairdresser Maxine, suffered from anorexis before Joining the cast of Coronation Street. Her weight had dropped to just over six stone before she sought help.



The appeal court heard that years in 1981 and was

Mr Lewis was struck shortly | released on parole in 1986.

Birt's World Service change backed



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### to restructure the World Service, but faced 20 conditions imposed by the Foreign Office in an attempt to safeguard its

Malcolm Rifkind, the For-eign Secretary, said the con-clusions of a joint working party with the BBC would ensure the maintenance of the service's "special character, style, ethos and quality".

But campaigners opposed to Mr Birt's plan said they were disappointed by the out-come, which would jeopardise the service's quality the service's quality.

The conditions — described by the FO as new safeguards include the provision of a dedicated World Service unit within the BBC's domestic news-gathering operation and tough scrutiny by the corpo-

OHN Birt, the BBC's lowing a 30-minute meeting dent experts on the working director general, last yesterday between Mr party said the changes could quality and ethos of a service pring substantial advantages. Christopher Bland, the BBC's chairman - represented a severe setback for World Service campaigners. They were opposed to the

merger of the service's news and English language programme production with the BBC's domestic departments. John Tusa, former managing director of the service, said: "The BBC has still not produced any good reasons why it is a good idea. It is macho management and noth-ing to do with good

"They are not safeguards — they are things they are not taking away from the World Service. It is Alice in Wonderland stuff.'

Steven Parker, of the Save the World Service campaign, said its distinctive ethos would be lost in the merger.
Four of the five indepenbring substantial advantages. John Wilson, former BBC controller of editorial policy,

was the lone dissenting voice. The BBC produced no evidence of cost savings from the restructuring and the National Audit Office is to examine the new financial mechanisms in six months. The working group is to be reconvened next autumn to

ensure quality has been maintained and promised savings During the controversy Mr Birt had been accused by MPs

of behaving like a "kind of tsar" and displaying a "cavalier attitude" towards the But with last night's broad endorsement from the For-

atory mood.
"The process has been healthy and constructive. It during the first ye has strengthened the World Labour government.

eign Office, he was in concil-

relationship between the BBC and the Foreign Office." Sir Christopher said: "We welcome the clear and explic-it safeguards contained in the

working group's report." Sam Younger, managing di-rector of the service, welcomed the outcome, even though he had considered resignation in July. He had been told of the restructuring the day before the public

now in place, I am confident we can move ahead and make sure we get the benefits from full participation in the restructured BBC." Robin Cook, shadow for-

eign secretary, said the report was a welcome advance. "We will comprehensively review the impact of any changes during the first year of a



Sir Christopher Bland:



Malcolm Rifkind:

The FO denied it repre-

sented a fudge, saying the safeguards "should provide

genuine reassurances to

The main conclusions are:

☐ Dedicated World Service news unit within the domes-

□ World Service commissioners to have extensive

powers to specify pro-

grammes they want.

A guarantee that all

Fudge claims denied over report

THE conclusion of the | ceded; most already exist.

Mr Birt and the BBC's senior appointments be chairman, Sir Christopher agreed with World Service

Bland. Many had been con- management.

that is 'music to the ears' of

senior management at BBC

working group and its

panel of five independent

experts was music to the ears of the BBC's senior

Its declaration that the

substantial advantages for the World Service" was a

vindication of John Birt's

approach.
The list of 20 safeguards
"imposed" by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary,
created few difficulties for



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tion of grant-in-aid World Service expenditure and those who have raised understandable concerns". licence-fee funded BBC. ☐ Continuing BBC and FO appraisal of proposed The working group and

ur of the five experts concluded the arrangements would "ensure the maintenance of the special character, style, ethos and quality of the World Service's But John Wilson, former

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policy, said these would only be ensured through the maintaining opera-tional control of the news and current affairs team. The group welcomed plans

governors in overseeing the work of the service and the establishment of an independent advisory panel.
The other working party

experts were Baroness Hogg, former aide to John Major; David Glencross, former chief executive of the Independent Television Commission; and Stephen Claypole, managing director of APTV. Nicholas Colchester, of the Economist Intelligence Unit and the fifth panel member, died last month.



Floral protest left outside the World Service headquarters in Bush House, London, yesterday

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## **All-party deal** is set to cut out Sinn Fein

David Sharrock Ireland Correspondent

BREAKTHROUGH in BREAKTHROUGH in Northern Ireland's troubled all-party talks was on the cards last night as the main nationalist and Unionist parties agreed new proposals, signalling a fur-ther stage in the political isolation of Sinn Fein.
Talks were continuing late

into the night at Castle Buildings as the threat of a resump-tion of violence by loyalists in response to the IRA's renewed bombing campaign appeared to have given the negotiations a new impetus.

### 'In negotiations everyone has to move a little to reach agreement'

gressive Unionist Party spokesman David Ervine, who is associated with the Ul-ster Volunteer Force, warned that rapid progress in the talks was the only hope of

ster Unionist Party has found a way of bypassing the decom-missioning issue for the time being, allowing the loyalist parties to participate in talks without a handover of weapons by their paramili-tary groups. It is likely that this is on the basis that no decommissioning can take place while one side retains its murderous potential.

Earlier the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick yesterday arrested Nessan Mayhew, said: "There are increasing signs of hope that we Britain on terrorism charges. will get now into the substan-tive business. There is no reason why Sinn Fein's last year as part of Dublin's empty chair should prevent the other nine parties from going about this very important business.

"Mr Adams spoke the other | yers challenge British extraday about a political vacuum. | dition warrants.

Well, really, who do they think they are? They leave one chair empty and pro-nounce the rest of the room a

vacuum. Not so." In a speech to supporters in north Belfast, the Sinn Fein president, Gerry Adams, also appeared to hold out an olive branch when he said the key to another IRA ceasefire lay in John Major's hands. "The

in John Major's hands. "The question has to be asked — will he treat another IRA cessation the way he treated the last one?" Mr Adams asked. However, it appeared last night that, with the SDLP's approval, an agreement can now be reached without the participation of Sinn Fein. If participation of Sinn Fein. If that is so, the future looks decidedly bleak for politicians in the republican movement. Hours of negotiation be-tween the Ulster Unionists and the SDLP yesterday deliv-ered an agreement for an agenda for the first full ses-

It is a big step forward, since the parties have been working on the issue for more than a month. The deal was last night being put to the rest of the parties in a round-table session that seemed likely to go on late into the night. It was not clear how close

sion of talks.

maintaining the loyalist the parties were to securing a deal on the most contentious ceasefire.

It appeared likely therefore that the agreement brokered between the SDLP and the Ul. the Ulster Unionists that, with Sinn Fein out of the picture for the foreseeable future, they might have more room to manoeuvre on the weapons question.

from our position, but of course in negotiations every-one has to move a little to reach agreement."

• Police in the Irish Republic

The Ulster Unionist deputy leader, John Taylor, said: "We will be making no move

Mr Quinlivan, who was released from an Irish prison on £70,000 bail while his law-

## **Mother 'confessed'** to killing her son

A MOTHER appeared to confess to the murder of her six-year-old son in a letter she showed to another woman, a jury heard yesterday. Ruth Neave, aged 28, wrote: "I cannot believe I have done it," Northampton crown court was told. She later said the letter was a mistake and that her son Rikki had been killed by

someone else.

Ms Neave, who denies killing Rikki in Peterborough in
November 1994, also offered £5 to a friend to leave information on a police answering machine pinning the blame for death on someone else, the jury heard.

Neighbours said Ms Neave behaved in an odd fashion for a woman whose son had recently died in horrific circumstances. She appeared fascinated by the murder and told them details about how the body had been frozen and bathed, how Rikki's clothes had been folded and left nearby, and how his body had been moved in a child's buggy. The case continues.

### **Riding row splits town**

A ROW over women participating in an ancient riding ceremony which has split the town of Hawick, Borders, led yesterday to resignation of the Provost, the local first citizen. Tom Hogg, who chairs the council in the historic Borders textile centre, stepped down after failing to reconcile two furious factions, which he said "are tearing my town apart".

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An emergency meeting will select a new provost to grapple with the argument over women taking part in the annual Common Riding, which sees a hectic gallop round the traditional boundaries of the burgh. The appearance of four women at the summer pageant this year has led to the ostracising of councillors, splits in families and insults like "scum" and "tart" on Hawick's streets.

Mr Hogg, who has been identified with the traditionalist men

Mr Hogg, who has been identified with the traditionalist, men-only faction, said: "Thave a deep belief in the traditions and customs from which Hawick has grown, and I cannot and will not betray these now. God knows that I've tried every minute of these last six months to resolve the issue that's tearing my town apart, but it remains unresolved." — Martin Wainwright

## Aids death doctor 'no risk'

FAMILY doctors in the Wigan area were yesterday sent information to reassure patients after it was discovered that a local hospital doctor had died of Aids.

The registrar in anaesthetics died on Friday after a short illness. After examining his work and taking advice locally and nationally, Wigan and Bolton health authority said there was 'no conceivable risk' to patients or colleagues. However, local GPs have been given details about the case, and an information line have been given details about the case, and an information line has been set up. The number is 01942-822217. — Chris Mihill

## **Parents fear TV sponsors**

PARENTS fear sponsorship in children's television programmes may increase to an unacceptable level, according to research published today by the Independent Television Commission. There were concerns that sponsors' power would grow, enabling them to dictate what programmes would be broadcast, and that

products would appear in programmes.

Parents of youngsters aged between eight and 12 felt some sponsorship could lead to unreasonable financial demands from their children and suggested a ban on sponsorship by manufac-

turers of expensive toys and clothing.

The commission's sponsorship code prohibits product placement and references to advertisers or sponsors during programmes. — Andrew Culf

## Sierra Leone's child fighters lay down their arms and pick up their books

They killed alongside adults; now they are experiencing childhood, writes Claudia McElroy in Bo

HE classroom's sea of faces wear expreslively interest and bewilderment to boredom and incomprehension. Yet for most of these youngsters at a centre for ex-combatants, grappling with basic literacy is better than life at the front. Mohamed Lamin Junior, aged 16, joined the Sierra Leone army three years ago to avenge the deaths of his parents and four brothers and sisters at the hands of the

Revolutionary United Front. "I learnt to enjoy killing; sometimes the sight of blood

"But, eventually, I realised I could not get revenge in this way, and decided to go back to school.

Mohamed is one of 5,000 youngsters who, after the outbreak of civil war in 1991, joined the army or rebel RUF some were conscripted. some volunteered. But since Sierra Leone's first demo vears ushered in a civilian government in March, ever more of them are keen to stop fighting.

drep Associated with the War (CAW), uses radio broadcasts to persuade young fighters to "Demobilisation is mostly on a voluntary basis and children come directly to the pro ing," said Father Mick Hickey, one of CAW's founders. "We estimate there are at

least 4,000 more children There are 125 undergoing

meh, the home administrator in Bo. "During our six-month programme the children receive professional counsel-ling and engage in activities such as football, drama and agriculture, to help them reexperience childhood.

The children also learn basic literacy skills — 75 per counselling and rehabilita- cent have never been to

tion or vocational training,

or tailoring. Some, such as

yer," he said. "Then I could

avenge my parents' deaths better than by fighting."

'I learnt to enjoy killing; the sight of blood would give me zeal to go further'

tion with CAW in Bo, in addi- school. After six months, tion to 155 at its centre in most go on to further educareetown, the capital. Many have been reunited with their families or fostered. such as carpentry, mechanics

"When the children arrive Mohamed, are more ambi-here many have behavioural tious. "I'd like to be a lawstealing, nightmares and bedwetting," said Edward Kom-

Some children are being prevented from demobilising by their commanders. "The war is about looting and ma-terial gain," said Mr Kom-meh. "Children often serve that purpose for fighters, be they army or RUF; some are sent off to dig diamonds."

Despite a ceasefire agreed

in April by President Ahmad Teian Kabbah and the RUP eader Foday Sankoh, the violence continues in various parts of the country and road travel outside Freetown is enerally unsafe.

What began as a small rebel incursion from neighbouring Liberia in 1991 grew into a brutal campaign of terror against civilians, perpetuated by both rebels and renegade soldiers, which has cost an es-timated 50,000 lives and forced almost half the country's 4.5 million people to flee their homes.

Some children can attes that life in the army is no bet-ter than with the RUF. Aminata Tommie, aged 15.

was captured by rebels last year. After killing her parents, they forced her to do their cooking and laundry. Speaking in a monotone, eyes fixed on the floor, she said she had been recaptured by the army after less than a month and was forced to spend eight nore months doing the same

The situation in the army was just as bad as with the rebels, they treated me roughly, and I was very afraid." She also suffered

kind of slave labour.

repeated sexual abuse.
"Even after the children are demobilised, it will be hard to persuade communi-ties to take them back because of the atrocities they have committed," Mr Kom-

## Chinese mother to defend activist son

THE mother of a Chinese dissident charged with plotting against the government has said she will defend her son in court. Wang Lingyun said yesterday that the charge against Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 democracy movement, did no

stand up. She told Reuter: "Not one point in the bill of indictment broke the law, even less to speak of plotting to overthrow the

"All he did was to say a few things . . . He has always advocated peace and non-violence

Mr Wang, aged 26, served four years in jail after the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre, and continued to campaign for political reform after his release.

Yesterday his mother was allowed to see him for the first time since he was detained in May 1995. His continued detention since then is contrary to Chinese law.

Mr Wang has now been indicted on the grounds that he

published anti-government articles abroad, helped set up a welfare fund for out-of-work former political prisoners, received foreign money, and "accepted a scholarship from the

Even by standards of previous cases, observers find it hard to understand how these add up to a plot. - John Cittings.

### Unemployment crisis looms

THE number of unemployed people in China could rise by more than half the present figure to 258 million in four years, the state-run China Daily reported yesterday.

It said that Chen Junsheng, a member of the state council (cabinet), had called on officials at all levels of government to

onsider what to do with the unemployed. Cities throughout China are awash with rural migrants at a time when state-run industries are trying to lay off workers. Chinese leaders fear that if unemployment is not dealt with, it

could become a source of unrest.

Mr Chen told a national conference that by 2000, 214 million sants would be competing for jobs with 54 million townspe

### Fit Clinton says less is more

PRESIDENT CLINTON tried to silence Republican criticisms of the secrecy surrounding his medical records yesterday by insist ing that his health was "very good" and that he had never contracted a sexually transmitted disease.

In an interview with the New York Times, he said that, at 15st filbs he was 101bs lighter than when he took office, and his

cholesterol was lower.

Mr Clinton, aged 50, told the paper's medical correspondent that all his medical tests showed he was within the normal range

for his age.

Mr Clinton listed prescription drugs he takes to treat allergies and said he slept with the head of his bed raised to stop a reflux of stomach acid which has previously affected his voic Mr Clinton said that since coming to office he had taken one day off work on medical grounds, when he suffered intestinal fluin his first year. — Martin Walker, Washington.

### Jakarta urged to ban alcohol

THE leader of a powerful group of Indonesian Muslim scholars has called for a ban on alcohol following government measures to control its distribution, the official Antara news agency said

resterday. "Alcoholic drinks should be banned in Indonesia." Hasan Basri, leader of the Council of Ulemas, was quoted as saying. . Muslims were enraged earlier this this month by a change in the law proposed by Jakarta's municipal government, which aimed to increase taxes on liquor and control its distribution in

Muslim groups said the move would raise money for the government from undesirable sources and would encourage the consumption of alcohol in the mainly Islamic country. —  $J_0$ -

### Attorney-general sued

A SAN FRANCISCO club which sold cannabis to sick and dying people is to sue California's attorney-general, accusing him of misusing his office to sabotage a campaign to permit medical use

of the drug.
Under the state's referendum system, voters in the November 5 general election are expected to pass Proposition 215, which would decriminalise cannabis for Aids sufferers and others with debilitating or painful diseases. Cannabis is known to help such

But the attorney-general, Dan Lungren, a law-and-order conservative who chairs the group opposed to Prop 215, has targeted its supporters. In August he ordered a raid on and the closure of the San Francisco club, which had been dispensing cannabis for five

Last Friday he ordered the arrest of the club's founder, Dennis Peron, aged 50, and charged him with . Megally selling and distrib-uting the drug. Five other club members who have been ques-tioned plan to surrender to Mr Lungren's office today.

Mr Peron said: "Two are ill with Aids, one in hospital, and another has multiple sclerosis. We are surrendering to expose Mr Lungren's conflict of interest in a campaign of dirty tricks that is a desperate effort to stop the proposition." — Christopher Reed.

### Germany's men of letters

MORE than 300 German intellectuals, including most of the MORE than 500 German mignescuass, including most of the country's best-known writers, have joined a campaign to block a spelling reform almed at simplifying the German language. Ginter Grass, Patrick Süskind, Ernst Jünger and Botho Strauss have signed a petition organised by Friedrich Denk, a Bavarian

The governments of Germany, Austria and Switzerland agreed in July to introduce the changes, which involve separating some of the many composite words, relaxing the rules for commas and replacing the "sz" sign [written like the Greek beta] with "ss" in

The protesters argue that the changes will be expensive and time-consuming and that the only people to benefit will be publishers of dictionaries and grammar books. A straw poll in a Hamburg newspaper last week found that 87 per cent of respon-

The poet and essayist Hans Magnus Enzensberger has called for a boycott of the new spelling. The news magazine Der Spiegel announced yesterday that it would ignore the changes. — Denis

## Big mama, big baby

PEOPLE likely to get fat may show the first signs of what's to come when they are three months old, doctors have found. Using a special computerised bottle, the researchers discovered that babies with overweight mothers exhibit what they politely that papies with overweight mothers exhibit what they postery call a "vigorous feeding style". Simply put, they suck harder. A team from the University of Pennsylvania studied 39 bables whose mothers were of average weight and 40 whose mothers

They found that the high-risk babies sucked 930 times during their feeding — 50 per cent more than the other infants. The high-risk babies also consumed about 20 percent more formula milk and, by the age of one, had started to put on more weight. — AP, Brackenridge, Colorado.



A man who had been jailed for sectarian killings said my film's violence would encourage young people to imitate it. I was struck dumb by the irony. This film was about him. Thaddeus O'Sullivan

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French turn to the extremes

Alex Duval Smith in Paris

AINSTREAM French yesterday of failing ordinary people, after 65 per cent of voters in a byelection at the weekend backed the Communist Party or the National Front.

A run-off between the two parties will be staged on Sunday in Gardanne, near Mar-seille, for the seat left vacant by Bernard Tapie, the socialist tycoon found guilty of

The first-round result, and a turn-out of 41 per cent, have led to a heated debate about voters' apparent loss of confidence in mainstream parties after a series of corruption

The rightwing former fi-nance minister Alain Madelin told France-Inter radio: "The result shows the advanced state of decomposition of French political life. It illustrates a deep gulf between pol-iticians and the everyday concerns of French people." The Socialist Party, whose

candidate won 13 per cent of the vote, advised supporters to back the Communist in the run-off on Sunday. The ruling Rally for the

Republic Party, whose candidate polled 15.6 per cent, provoked anger by refusing to tell its rightwing supporters to do the same. A spokesman said: "It is not conceivable for the RPR to encourage its supporters to vote for the National Front. Nei-

ing for the communist candidate, whose party opposes the government's policies." A spokesman for the Socialist Party, François Hollande, sald: "It is shocking that while the government den-ounces the National Front as

The Socialist Party's defeat is particularly humiliating because its candidate, Bernard Kouchner, is a former by party headquarters to

stand for the seat. The RPR's candidate, Hervé Fabre-Aubespry, has a chequered political past, partly spent on the far-right. France's increasingly vocal Eurosceptics welcomed the 37.8 per cent vote for the Com-munist candidate, Roger Mel.

leaning Citizen's Movement Jean-Pierre Chevènement. said: "The communist score is proof that the electorate does not wish to dive headong into Maastricht politics." The success of Damien Bar-iller, who polled 26.7 per cent for the National Front, provided further evidence of the party's foothold in southern

Mr Bariller said: "My suc-cess acts as a warning to the government and to the political elite which, by ceasing to listen to the French, has lost their confidence."

Tapie, who won the seat in 1993 with 25 per cent of the vote, was stripped of the constituency after he was rules bankrupt and convicted of fraud, tax evasion and bribery. • The leader of the Communist Party, Robert Hue, and his predecessor Georges Marchais are being investigated in connection with alleged influence peddling, justice

sources said yesterday.

The sources said the inquiry, led by the Paris magistrate Laurence Vichnievsky, was part of an investigation into illicit funding of the

Mr Vichnievsky searched the party headquarters in June, investigating the disappearance of nearly 13 million francs (£1.7 million) paid by racist, it refuses to advise its the French utilities giant supporters to obstruct the Compagnie Générale des

## France puts faith in 'nuclear pill'

Alex Duvai Smith in Paris

RANCE began distributing iodine tablets yesterday to tens of thousands of people living within three miles of nuclear power stations - to a mixed reception. Iodine taken immediately

before or after exposure to radiation reduces the risk of thyroid cancer, particularly in children, but is no protection against other Jean-Louis Demareis of

Crii-Rad, a research institute specialising in radioactivity, welcomed the dis-tribution, but said: "This scheme does not appear to have been thought through. It could lull people into a false sense of security.

"We have attempted to obtain details of the degree of exposure required before mayors will advise people to take the tablets but the

to take the tablets but the health ministry has not esponded." The five kilometre (just

over three miles) radius was insufficient, he said. "Half an hour after a serious accident, contami-nation can spread beyond 10 kilometres."

Pėnėlope Komites, a spokeswoman for Green-peace, hoped the scheme would raise awareness of the risks of nuclear power, but added: "After years of telling us that nuclear power is absolutely safe, it is surprising that the gov-ernment suddenly wants to distribute iodine tablets." Anti-nuclear protests are sorbing radioactive iodine. | year the border guards have

rare in France, even though it generates more than 75 per cent of its electricity from nuclear power - one of the highest rates in the

The health minister in hospitals. The distribution began

The mayor of Saint Maurice L'Exil, Francis Char-vet, said more than 6,000 people in the two communi-ties had received vouchers for tablets. The towns are near a 10-year-old nuclear

ower station. "Twenty households have collected tablets at the town hall today. Everyone is tak-

and through doctors." The campaign, the first of its type in France, is modelled on an Austrian Scientists say that taking

Hervé Gaymard, announced the iodine campaign in April, on the 10th anniver-sary of the Chernobyl accident. Until now, tablets have been stocked only at nuclear power stations and

yesterday at two south-eastern towns, Saint Mau-rice L'Exil and Saint Alban, whose residents were invited to collect the tablets from their town halls, and advised to keep them to hand in case of a nuclear

ing this in their stride— there is no panic," he said. "The tablets will continue to be available for a month in local pharmacies

benign iodine saturates the thyroid gland, which is sit-uated in the throat, and so

prevents the gland from ab-



Serbs in 1992 were buried. They also found the remains of tyres used to set the bodies on fire

## Border guards watch their backs

Russia's frontier patrols are trying to hold the line in Central Asia and the Caucasus, reports David Hearst in Moscow

troops of the fundamen-talist Islamic Taliban edge northward, before their recent military setbacks, with greater trepidation than the 16,500 border troops Russia has posted on the Afghan-Tajikistan border.

The imperial power which ordered 120,000 troops into Afghanisation in 1979 is now fighting a rearguard action to prop up a shaky Tajik regime, and its isolated border posts are under constant rebel fire. However hard Moscow tries to cement a deal between two anti-Taliban warlords - General Abdul Rashid Dostam and the former Tajik defense minister Ahmed Shah Massoud — the border guards know how fragile these alli-

On Sunday border troops

killed six Tajik rebels as they tried to cross the frontier Pyandzh River with rifles, ex-

plosives and detonators. This

been attacked 127 times by Tajik rebels.
"Vigilance is our weapon,"

a guards saying goes, but a close look at the land they are protecting reveals their vulnerability. The Soviet Union has disappeared, but the federal border guard service still mounts patrols on the Tajik border, in Georgia, and on the western borders of

Belarus.
These Central Asian and the Caucasian states are fragile entities, hard put to stam Soviet boundaries on a much older ethnic map. Gen Dostam is an ethnic Uzbek, and Uzbekistan ner-

vously contributes to a peacekeeping force on the Tajik border, along with Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. The whole region could fall like a stack of cards if the Afghan warlords turned their attentions northwards. Russia's frontiers with

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and

penetrate they are often called "glass borders". So the border guards are forced to police a front line much further afield. They have the responsibility of guarding the empire, without the power to do so. And Moscow can no longer pay.

The border troops have so little money that they go log-ging, bunting and fishing to support themselves. The head of the border guard service, General Andrei Nikolayev, revealed that this year it received only 19 per cent of the funds it needed from the

federal budget.

It's a far cry from the proud figure of the border guard depicted in a lonely museum in Moscow, tramping the 1,900-mile border with China. The guard has always cheak high. guard has always stood high in the pantheon of Russian military heros.
Colonel Vassily Mursaba-

yev. the museum's director, spoke diffidently about the past glories of his service. Just yards away, one of the exhibits was the packet of Kent cigarettes smoked by Gary Powers, the pilot of the U2 spy plane brought down over the Soviet Union in 1962. have called men like Mr Mur sabayev creatures of empire. He is not an ethnic Russian. but the Soviet Union's collapse has turned him into a Russian patriot.

He baulks at the idea that any section of Russla's dis-puted borders should be surrendered. He talks of the border with China as if it were his own potato patch. "Take for example the Tumangan zone, near Lake Khazan," he said heatedly. "As a soldier, I have climbed all those small mountains. They

"Each year in the autumn when the river reeds disap-pear, hundreds of gravestones appear. The first five border troops who were decorated with the title 'Hero of the Soviet Union' died fighting here, and now all this has to go back to the Chinese

are covered with the graves of Russian soliders and officers who died there defending

red flags, each representing a border post or unit.
Russia is much smaller than the Soviet Union, but the Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and over the Soviet Union in 1962. paradox is that its borders Tajikistann are so easy to Five years ago you would have not diminished."

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ruling elite is afraid that it an opposition figure gained enough votes, he or she

might run for the presi-dency in 1998." Subarto, aged 75, has not been challenged since he came to power 30 years ago. The arson attacks on 21 churches, and rioting on trains last week, suggest there is much discontent. NDONESIA'S limited democracy is coming under further strain from new and the clampdown on the media means it is unlikely to find an outlet.

Kurdistan reported. The sources said Jalal Tala-

bani's PUK guerrillas had

now recaptured Degala and

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retake two more towns from From being driven into the KDP mer Kurdistan Democratic Party mountains or across the fighting.

that Iraqi troops and Iranian Revolutionary Guards were fighting alongside the rival

Dam area, the site of a big hydroelectic power project.

"They [PUK rebels] seem to

The government says there is no censorship, but outspoken publications are hable to be shut down at a moment's notice. Since the Jakarta riots in

July, editors have been summoned to the ministry of information to be reminded how to report po-litical stories. Last month media executives had the message reinforced on a 10day state ideology course.

Bayuni said: "All the media have become much less critical on account of the political environment we're facing now. The mes-

velopment Party (PPP), one of the two legally-allowed The message is to opposition parties, believes that replacing railies with indoor discussions, as Su-harto suggests, would undermine his party's elecspread the government's view and stick to it' "The PPP agrees to the discussions only if outdoor

sage is to spread the govern ment's view and stick to it."

The Nobel peace laure ate, Bishop Carlos Belo criticised Indonesia's military rule in East Timor yes-terday, saying the island had never accepted its an-

the Jakarta Post, Endy Bayuni, said: "The critinexation in 1976. cism is that the move will In his first interview since he was named joint recipient of this year's prize on Friday, he reiterated his call for a reference to the state of the dum on autonomy as the way to settle the 21-year

able for people to express their dissatisfaction." Subarto has added to fears about the suppression of dissent by ordering the conflict. Thousands of people have been killed since Indonesia armed forces to block any attempts to orchestrate po-litical change, "wherever they come from and whoinvaded East Timor in 1975, in an attempt to crush an independence movement after Portugal ended 400 years of colonial rule. ever they are targeted at".

Indonesia has rejected a referendum, saying the issue was settled when pro-Jakarta groups declared East Timor part of Indonesia in 1976.

"Then what does [the government] want? . . . That the 700,000 East Timorese people just bow their heads?" Belo said in Dili,

## Suharto tightens | Murdoch's black ship makes his grip on rivals waves in Japanese media

The insatiable media tycoon (right) has sailed into a storm with his deal to enter stagnant waters previously kept strictly off limits to foreigners,

(KDP) forces, United Nations | border to Iran, PUK peshmer | Iraqi forces are positioned officials and guards in Iraqi gas have swept back to the just to the south of Irbil, but kurdistan reported.

their initial defeat on August 31 by the KDP backed

by the forces of Iraq's presi-

dent, Saddam Hussein.
"We have no plans at pres

ent to retake Irbil because it's

surrounded by Iraqi tanks, but we'll leave that to the people of Irbil," Mr Talabani

told the London-based al-

He said the bodies of two

KDP members after weekend offensive.

Iragi officers were found among those of more than 350

Hayat newspaper.

John Watts in Tokyo reports

Murdoch's purchase of a big stake in a Japanese terrestrial television station, the country's media establishment is trying to come to terms with the presence of the most powerful foreigner in their midst for decades. In partnership with Maasay oshi Son, the founder of the

software company Softbank, Mr Murdoch struck a deal in Mr Murdoch struck a deal in June to secure 21.4 per cent of TV Asahi, the largest single shareholding in the fourth largest of Japan's five main television companies.

Coming just eight days after Mr Murdoch announced plans to launch a JSkyB satellite service offering more than 100

vice offering more than 100 channels to Japanese viewers, the news of the share purchase ed a stir that has yet to die down.

"It was like seeing a black ship suddenly appearing in Only 3 million of the coundto, a media specialist front of my eyes," reflected one try's 40 million homes have Sofia University in Tokyo.



Iraqi forces are positioned

perhaps fearing another

aggressive response from the

Baghdad has offered to host peace talks between the

Kurdish rivals, and urged

them not to deal with "foreign

A KDP delegation, on its way to talks in Washington via Ankara, yesterday ap-pealed to Turkey's govern-

ment to condemn the PUK

forces".

Burga-clad widows, whose husbands have died in the fighting, wait for food at a distribution centre of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kabul PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN MOCRE

N THE aftermath of Rupert | TV Asahi employee, equating Murdoch's purchase of a | Mr Murdoch's arrival with the American warships which forced Japan to end centuries of isolation in the mid-19th

century. Sightings of Murdoch-owned black ships have also been made by a number of news-papers and media analysts, usually followed by cries of alarm at the perilous state of the so-called 1955 system, under which the big companies, protected from overseas competition by the language barrier and strict rules regarding foreign ownership, have been able to dominate Japanese television for more than

This has made them complacent. Although Japanese com-panies produce most of the world's television sets, the spread of satellite and cable technology has been slow.
Only 3 million of the coun-

cable television, and the most popular satellite service, run by the state-controlled NHK lion subscribers.

| Revolutionary Guards have |

taken part in the latest

attacks with heavy weapons, Katyusha rockets and

cannons," said Sami Abdur-

rahman, a senior KDP

The PUK and Iran have issued strong denials. A for-

Tehran said Iranian forces

the KDP's leader, Massoud Barzani, were designed to

"distract international atten-

Tensive.

"More than 15,000 Iranian to bloody clashes".

uon from his complicity with ago may also have been the Iraqi army, which has led helped by Iranian logistical support and ago.

He said such allegations by

were "not involved".

official.

Similarly, there is relatively little variety in programming. A handful of "talento" (celebrities) monopolise the airwaves. It is not uncommon for one talento to appear on three channels on the same day.

"Some people are happy with the networks' celebrity programmes, but a lot of others are sick of them," said Hirota Kasahara, chairman of PerfectTV which launched a new satellite service this

month PerfectTV is not the only rival Mr Murdoch's JSkyB will face. The American firm DirectTV plans to begin satellite broadcasts in Japan next

year. With a number of smaller cable operators also starting up, the market could soon be crowded with more than 500 channels.

Most will be aimed at niche markets, including foreign language broadcasts for the Korean and Brazilian commuexpressed concern that this could chip away at the perception of cultural homogeneity in Japan.

But of greater concern is the £95 million TV Asahi deal.

"The shocking thing was that one of the world's bigges media operators was suddenly allowed to step into territory previously off limits to foreigners," said Yoshihiro Oto, a media specialist at

"Japan's strict media ownership regulations had al-ways made it a difficult mar-Telecommunication Industry appear to have unofficially welcomed Murdoch because they think he can help inter

Both sides appeared to have

exaggerated the involvement

of outside forces. After its help in the initial capture of

Irbil, the Iraqi army seemed to confine itself to long-range shelling of PUK positions dur-

ing the KDP advance on

The PUK may have bene-

fited from beavy Iranian

shelling in its current

Its transformation from the defeated and demoralised

band of fighters of a month

Sulaymaniyah.

offensive.

nationalise the industry. By having Mr Son as his partner, Mr Murdoch was able to circumvent the Japanese broadcasting law, which limits non-Japanese share holdings in television compa nies to 20 per cent. The link has done nothing to allay

Mr Son, the grandson of a Korean immigrant to Japan, established Softbank in 1981. The company now controls half of Japan's wholesale soft-ware market and has diversifled in a rapid and aggressive

expansion strategy.

It has earned him acclaim as the Japanese Bill Gates. but also censure for his "non-Japanese business practices".
As if to remind the newcomers who is boss, the posts and telecommunications min-Murdoch appointee to the Asahi board, strictly enforcing a law forbidding non-Japanese to take up executive po-

sitions in broadcasting.
For the moment the black ship is being kept at bay, but observers in the media expect The Mainichi Shimbun

newspaper urges vigilance. "Murdoch has only bought a partial stake in a single company, but that should not make us complacent. This could be just a first step."

# A cheap rent could cost you your life

In the second of three articles on Bombay, Suzanne **Goldenberg** tells how ruthless landlords get rid

of their tenants

WO small rooms and a dark hallway are not worth dying for. Ramesh Kini gave his life for them unwillingly; now his widow's efforts to punish his killers have caused a sensation that has gone beyond her sedate, tree-lined neighbourhood in north Bombay. Sheela Kini's accusations

that Shiv Sena - the party of Hindu militants that domi-nates Bombay's coalition gov-ernment — had a hand in her husband's death has struck a chord with Bombayites who have faced similar troubles. She has also given heart to Sena's opponents, who had been silenced by fear of repri-

sal by its armed thugs.
For the Kinis the terror began eight years ago, when they received their first eviction notice. It intensified in 1993 after Ramesh refused a cash offer, it was not enough for a new home.
The last three months of his

life were a silent hell. Sheela Iranians and Iraqis enter Kurdish fray could only guess at his suffer-ing. "I hadn't gone through this ordeal, because Ramesh didn't tell me everything." He was followed when he

left for work at 6am; in the evening armed thugs waited beneath his balcony, summoning him to meetings with their masters. He was too terrified to tell the police or his neighbours. His voice dropped to a whisper, he became painfully thin.

Early on July 23 he left a 14page letter with his lawyer, describing a campaign of harassment which he said would drive him to suicide. Then he went to the offices of Saamna, Shiv Sena's official newspaper. By midnight he was dead. The police found his body at a cinema in Pune, several hours' drive southeast of Bombay, with a bottle of poison in his pocket.

Two days after his death, Sheela Kini went against custom — Hindu widows isolate themselves during mourning and held a press conference. She accused the nephew and presumed heir of Bal Thackeray, Shiv Sena's chief,

of ordering Ramesh's death at the landlord's behest. "He never went even to a suburb without telling me, so how could he have gone to Pune? He never went to the pictures," his widow said When I saw the death certificate saying it was a heart

attack. I knew it wasn't true." Sheela Kini, a quiet house wife from a conservative, Ma rathi-speaking home, was initially too distraught to realise growth

the consequences of her chal-lenge to Sena. "I lost every-thing with Ramesh, what else

was there to be afraid of?"
In the public uproar that followed, their landlord's son and the state leader of Shiv Sena's youth wing were arrested in connection with Ramesh's death, but released on bail. Police inquiries — officially, at least — are continu-ing, but the state government has petitioned the supreme court to block the transfer of the investigation to India's

federal police force.

Gopinath Munde, the Bharatiya Janata Party's deputy chief minister in the Maharashtra state government, re-sents suggestions that the state police are subject to po-litical interference. The Bombay police, he said, were "just as good as Scotland Yard".
"We will search them out.

They may be part of any party or any creed, but we will take action against them."

He vowed to help people at the mercy of their landlords. "If an owner tortures tenants, we can use the national security act against them," he said. But he admitted Mrs Kini's action had been far

### Every evening armed thugs were waiting beneath

Ramesh's balcony more effective: "[Since] this

case no one has threatened to throw out any tenant". Ramesh Kini had lived at the Laskhmi Niwas flats longer than any of his neighbours, arriving as a two-year-old in 1948. The Hindu colony has prospered since, but not the Kinis. The family of three got by on Ramesh's salary of about £65 a month as a supervisor in a factory producing caps for eyeliner pencils; his neighbours were business-

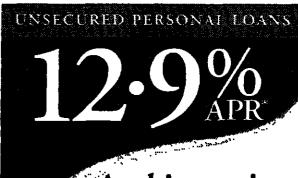
men and professionals.

The neighbourhood is becoming a commercial hub, and all the Kinis' neighbours have received eviction notices from the landlord, who wants to put up an office block and charge higher

rents. Three tenants have left. The strong-arm tactics are in part a legacy of laws mak-ing it impossible to evict ten-ants or raise rents. Almost 80 per cent of Bombayites live in rented properties and most admit their official rents are ludicrously low, set according to a formula based on 1942 property values.

In Bombay it is widely be-lieved that Shiv Sena hires out its thugs to evict tenants. politicising an activity that has existed in Bombay for years. "People used to go to the mafia to get properties va-cated. Now they go to politicians," said one of the city's biggest property owners.

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## Nuclear spy 'did not harm Israel'

Derek Brown in Tel Aviv

■HE Nobel peace laureate Joseph Rotblat yester-day bailed Mordechal Vanunu, the Israeli nuclear technician lailed as a spy, as a whistle-blower who had helped rather than harmed his country.

"What he has done has not significantly harmed the state of Israel," said Professor Rotblat, who helped to develop the first atomic bomb and later established the antinuclear Pugwash movement. He won the Nobel peace prize last year. The joint winner of the previous year's

gramme, who was prime min-ister when Vanunu was ille-gally abducted and jalled. If Israel had any use for nuclear weapons, Prof Rotblat said, it was to deter potential

"To act as a deterrent it is important for enemies to know about the weapons. Mordechai Vanunu contributed to that knowledge."

Speaking at the first conference in Israel by the movement seeking to free Vanunu, Vanunu, who worked in the

ersenal of 200 weapons. He was lured from London to Rome by an Israeli agent called Cindy. He was kid-

to Israel in a crate. Neither Britain nor Italy has complained of the crimes committed on their territory by the Mossad secret agents.

Yesterday's opening conference session, held under the watchful gaze of Shin Bet sehe appealed on his behalf to curity agents, heard from an the government and people of Italian high court judge, Amelera Israel. deo Postiglione, of new efforts to mobilise public opinion in nuclear centre at Dimona, on the country where Vanunu

prize was Shimon Peres, com-monly regarded as the father Negev desert, told the Sunday "My cou "My country should have revealed," it said.

of Israel's secret nuclear pro- | Times in 1986 that Israel had | reacted and still should react secretly developed a nuclear because there has been an af-capacity and had built an front of national dignity," he said. Vanunu has served 10 years of his 18-year sentence in iso-

lation, in a 6ft by 9ft cell. He is napped in Rome and shipped believed to be the world's longest-serving prisoner in solitary confinement. Conference speakers, in

cluding his brother Meir, told of his mental deterioration. Susannah York, the actress and campaigner for Vanunu, read out a "reconstructed" message to the conference which Meir said had been snatched from his brother's hand by a prison guard.

"Thank you all. I am happy for revealing what I have

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## **Facing moral choices**

Tony Blair seeks answers as well as votes

office advised that his speech to the Commonwealth Press Union in Cape Town yesterday would be about foreign policy. In the event, and not for the first time, the Labour leader has opted to travel some thousands of miles to deliver a speech on a domestic theme and intended almost wholly for domestic consumption. Why this should be is an intriguing question but, like the Singapore speech about stakeholding, the Cape Town speech about social morality is undoubtedly one of the key texts of the Blair period in opposition and it deserves particularly close study and proper debate.

Mr Blair's speech grapples with one of the greatest challenges facing any honest person of progressive political views in modern times. How, in a world dominated by possessive individualism. consumer choice and the cult of insecurity, can the advocates of a cohesive society successfully find a language of obligation and responsibility which does not merely appear out-of-date? And, if this is achieved, what can a progressive government of the kind which Mr Blair aspires to lead, one which is (to quote yesterday's speech) "free from the bind of pressure group politics, broad-based, in touch, and motivated not by narrow ideology but by certain key enduring values", actually do about it? These are perennial Blair themes and they are preoccupations that mark out the Labour leader as a politician. But until now he has not tried to bring this many-stranded argument into a shape which would have much impact in government.

The answer as expounded yesterday is a philosophy of public duty and social morality based upon the state's responsibility to strengthen and nurwith a dash of David Selbourne. It is is certainly facing the facts.

WHEN TONY Blair's visit to South summed up in Mr Blair's conclusion Africa was announced last week, his that "without support for family life and for norms of proper conduct toward one another, we will all suffer". The Cape Town speech leaves some issues unreconciled. But there is no doubt whatever that he is addressing a crucial question of the day, which some but not all on the left have tended to ignore for too long. Almost everybody can recognise the marks of social disintegration and the growth of anti-social morality in Britain today, much but not all of which has been actively promoted by New Right culture and values. The problem is that it is easier to say what is wrong than to say what can be done about it, especially by government. The tough question nevertheless remains: How can selfish and dutiless people be persuaded to behave better, to act more responsibly and to respect one another, when they are surrounded by so much evidence that all these impulses and imperatives matter very much less than they once did?

The Labour leader is right to ask tough questions, and tough questions often imply tough answers. Mr Blair will undoubtedly be depicted in some quarters - both on the left and right as a moral conservative trying to posi-tion New Labour on traditionally rightwing ground. No one can dispute that Mr Blair is always looking for votes, but this is not a reactionary speech. Those who will rush to congratulate or condemn Mr Blair for moral absolutism should make sure they read what he said. This was not a speech attacking gays, attacking single parents, or attacking working mothers. It was a speech which recognises that the world has changed, in many ways for the better, but also that there has been a continuing price. Those who deny this are deluding themselves. Mr Blair may ture families. It is communitarianism | not have got all the answers yet, but he



The World Service may be smothered by the BBC's embrace

has been seen to work in practice. require programming to cover certain Bluntly, that means waiting to see events and so on. If at times it reads whether the numerous sensible suggestions are taken seriously or whether "reforming" steamroller driven by John Birt, Director General of the BBC. The background to all this is that the World Service, which claims 140 million listeners in 44 languages, is under attack from two directions. First, and more important — though not covered by this report — the Government (through the subvention it gives to the Foreign Office) has forced a £5.4 million cut in this year's budget to be followed by £10 million cuts during the next two vears unless the Chancellor of the Exchequer is unexpectedly overcome by an attack of wisdom in next month's budget. Second, as part of the "Birt reforms" the World Service's English news gathering service is being "integrated" with the domestic news gathering functions of the BBC which the staff of the WS fears will lead to false economies and a debilitating cultural change that will adversely affect the way it is operates around the world.

Yesterday's recommendations contain lots of pious promises on the maingovern the trading relationship between the licence-funded BBC and the

YESTERDAY'S report on the future of | Foreign Office-funded World Service; the BBC World Service (by the joint on WS representation on senior ap-Foreign Office/BBC working group) is a pointment boards; on co-location of the messy compromise which it will be WS's English language and vernacular impossible to evaluate properly until it | services; on the WS having the right to more like a peace treaty for the warring factions in Bosnia that merely reflects they are left for dead under the the deep divisions felt within the World Service that its distinctive culture might be swallowed whole by the BBC. The inclusion of the independent National Audit Office to monitor the trading relationship between the two bodies is entirely welcome but the working group's admission that detailed information from the BBC on the savings that might arise from restructuring was not available is totally baffling. This was supposed to be the raison d'être of the Birt offensive in the first place. And who is the unlikely court of appeal if the World Service's editorial responsibility is compromised? Why, John Birt, that's who. Operationally, the most worrying aspect is that the World Service will not be maintaining operational control of the team providing news and current affairs. In these circumstances those who campaigned against the Birt proposals can claim a number of victories which wouldn't have happened otherwise, but they will have to wait to see whether the distinctive and highly suctenance of quality; on guidelines to cessful culture of the World Service is going to be changed irredeemably for

## Don't meddle with quarantine

Just make the current system more humane, that's all

THE HARDEST PART of writing about | in, increasing the risk of rabies. Large the new anti-quarantine campaign is to numbers of pets will be taken for foravoid jokey references to dogged endeavour or canine rage. A lobby which appears to be fuelled by the anger of a ports will be harder to monitor and will privileged group of diplomats may be looked at askance. We have heard a great deal about Chris Patten's Norfolk terriers and we begin to wince at their rather twee names. The story of the Danish diplomat who received the ashes of his quarantined dog in a coffee jar may elicit an inappropriate reaction instead of the sympathy it deserves.

Yet it is a serious and difficult issue. Pets are important to all sorts of people and the quarantine regulations can cause distress. But it is a foolproof, though cumbersome, instrument for keeping a dreadful disease at bay. Critics say that no quarantined animal has ever been found to be infected. But without quarantine, many more animals would be taken out and brought | that would be a howling mistake.

eign holidays to avoid the chore of arranging sitters. A system of pet passrequire uniform standards in all countries of origin. If it is limited to the EU, then a complicated two-tier system will have to operate. It is true that an unknown number of owners smuggle in their pets now. But with laxer regulations, more people may risk not complying with them at all. Petless holiday-makers will be tempted to pick up a stray kitten from the Roman forum, or an abandoned puppy from the Parthenon, and bring them back in a bag.

There is a case for exceptions in a few categories such as guide dogs and animals taken abroad for a specific and time-limited purpose. It is sensible to look at the current system and make it more humane. But anything more than



### Letters to the Editor

## Disharmony in the orchestra stalls On Indonesia's British victims

personal attack on me (Provocations, October 12), Thomas Adès casually admits that our future classical music "may or may not have tunes". But this is the whole point. Let us draw the line on the ground very clearly. On one side of this line stands the establishment atonalist camp in all its variations which has a vested interest in sustaining the status quo view that new classical music of quality is

On the other side of that line I am developing a quite idea: that tunes and tonality can once again be-come radical, if realised in a sufficiently personal and therefore original way; that rather than slipping ever deeper into the mire of atonality, we might break through into a radiant period of "super-tonality". This is the revolution for our time just as

Schoenberg's was for his. In the pursuit of this goal I possess the true zeal of the radical. It is Mr Adès who is the conformist to a defunct atonalism. I am the revolu-tionary. And all his slightly crazed rambling on about having written "laments" I hand. How much easier it tice, the harmonic series is

A miscellanv

EXPECT most of Britian, myself included, was de-

lighted to see Damon Hill finally grab the world cham-pionship in such impressive

style. What a pity therefore

that the victory scenes should

be so dominated by the

tobacco companies.
Who needs telly ads when sports like motor racing can

guarantee receptive audi-

ences of tens of millions? Drivers like Damon Hill are

portrayed as fit, attractive

guys who must be seen as role models by a whole generation

of young people. Tobacco ex-

aughing all the way to the

NDY Derriman (Letters.

AOctober 14) writes that "a series of tricks" is being used

by larger companies in the

funeral industry to under-mine the independent funeral

directors. Not for the first time he singles out SCI as being the villain of the piece.

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is wrong.

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than our competitors. It seems extraordinary that

efforts for greater transparen-cy and professionalism

should be met with such

EN Campbell states that the number of multiple

universes is given by the total

number of quarks multiplied by the total number of in-stants in time (The End: Where is last Wednesday lo-

cated?, October 4). Whilst not

an expert in quantum me-chanics it seems obvious to me that this is not the case.

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must surely equal the number

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T the end of his bitter | would be for Mr Adès if I were | not infinite; there is a finite | frequency ratio of C to G is bersonal attack on me | a journalist. As it is, I am a | range of overtones that any | 2.996614158758 to two, not a journalist. As it is, I am a composer who has sustained his work with very little financial support but whose rate of progress, if it is allowed to continue, implicitly changes the agenda.

Keith Burstein Flat 1, Marius Mansions, Marius Road, London SW17 7QG.

As SIR James Beament Says (Letter, October 10), there is good reason to believe that the harmonic series plays a significant role in the perception of musical tones, and this is innate rather than learned.

As a result it is likely that music which uses many com-mon chords and the notes derived from them requires a lower rate of information pro cessing in the brain and therefore seems less stressful than other kinds of music. This of itself says nothing about the artistic merits of a piece of music. The concepts of "stress" and "relaxation" are well-known components of the composer's litany of

skills. spoils his piece by pseudo-sciknow nothing of, and of my entific nonsense in which he being a "journalist", have no confuses a mathematical model with reality. In prac-

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range of overtones that any instrument can produce and that we can hear. Furthermore, the overtones of a single note from any instrument do not, in practice, contain dissonances. The tone of an oboe, for example, is very rich in harmonics. Does it

sound dissonant to him? Graham Roe (Letters, Octo-ber 12) is also guilty of this sort of pseudo-science when he claims that the ratio of G to C on an exactly tuned piano is approximately 2.996614153753 to 2. I would like to ask him how long he thinks it would take to tune all the strings of a piano to this precision, how he would know when he had achieved it, and how long he thinks the tuning would be maintained in an ordinary room with ordinary temperature fluctua-tions by a string that is being

mer? Furthermore, isn't 3 ap-proximately 2.9966..? Ronald Adelson. Engineering Department. Lancaster University, Lancaster LA1 4YR.

frequently struck by a ham-

Uting does not disprove Keith Burstein's views on atonal music but rather rein-

three to two as Mr Burstein claimed. The difference between the two figures is one tenth of one per cent, quite well within the tuning accu racy of any instrument. Peter Rose. 34 Belsize Court.

Wedderburn Road,

T'S not what music is, but what it is for which is most important. It doesn't matter whether music is logical or illogical, tonal or atonal, as long as it expresses some aspect of human experience in an effective way. All the best music of the past has this quality, and the atonal ex-pressionism of Schoenberg is just as valid as a simple folk Music which consists

merely of mechanical combinations of sounds (whether using avant-garde techniques or dull textbook conventions) without expressive purpose is like a tale told by an idiot, sometimes full of sound and fury, but signifying nothing. Professor of Music History,

Royal Military School of Music. Kneller Hall, He correctly states that the Twickenham TW2 7DU.

TOMORROW, President Suharto of Indonesia will visit East Timor to inaugurate a huge statue of Christ the King. But, following the wonderful gift of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to a East Timorese activist, who will be impressed? The date is heavy with significance: it is the 21st anniversary of the event that locked East Timor into

its genocidal nightmare. On October 16, 1975, Indonesia's covert invasion forces inside East Timor killed five Western TV newsmen at the village of Balibo. Two of the five — British newsmen Malcolm Rennie and Brian Peters were much-loved members of our families. Until this year, the Australian government kept the truth from us (and, possibly, from the Brit-

ish government). Five months ago, however. the Australian government published a preliminary evaluation of evidence concerning the deaths. The report shows that after killing the "Balibo Five", the invasion force stripped some of the bodies, dressed these in military uniforms, photographed them

Neither the Australian nor the British government is prepared to act on these find-ings. Experts tell us that the Australian government knew the truth about Balibo ali along, and that President Suharto knew that it knew. When the West did not protest after Balibo, the president belleved he had our permission to commit genocide. Unless the Nobel Peace Prize awards lead to action by important UN members such as Britain, East Timor's future, too, will be drenched in blood. Maureen Tolfree.

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## To vent your anger, press 4

AM I the only person who to waste more than half an has come to detest to the point of phobia the latest "user-unfriendly" device, the automatic switchboard? This is much beloved of giant corporations, principally banks and insurance companies.

It means that the caller is invited by a recorded voice to press one of a selection of key numbers to obtain the correct service. One mistake and the whole wretched dialling and waiting process is started all over again. And all that silly music and those mundane sages! Not only have I had | Surrey CR2 7BQ.

hour in an attempt to renew my motor insurance, but I sense that, without human to human tele-contact, the whole sales department could be down at the boozer and no one would know. Could I urge all companies which are in the process of

changing their switchboard system to stop and re-think what it is they are really doing? John W S Preston. 10 Manor Way.

## What Blair didn't do in S Africa

ONY Blair has asked me to write with regard to Ruar-idh Nicoll's article on his visit to South Africa (Blair takes a fleeting look behind

the curtain, October 14).

To reduce coverage of the first three days of Mr Blair's visit to a sketch littered with snide innuendo and a version of events not supported by others who were there leads me, and may lead your read-ers, to doubt the Guardian's seriousness either about South Africa or the activities

of the Labour Party. None of us recalls the incident involving a newborn baby. The remark attributed to Mrs Blair about things being not much better in Britain misrepresents what she said, namely that child abuse was a growing problem every

The "middle-class women" were staff at the clinic to which Mr and Mrs Blair were invited to raise awareness of their problems. Your description of the Alexandra township tour does not accord with my recollection, or that of Mr and Mrs Blair, or any who were there. Let me also address the con-

Mr Blair was in Cape Tow on "the spurious pretext" that he is speaking to the Commonwealth Press Union. As the speech is in Cape Town, his presence here A Country Diary physical necessity.

The speech having been arranged, would Mr Nicoli rather that the leader of the party which spearheaded the British fight against apart-heid and the man who may soon be Prime Minister did not meet President Mandela? What of their discussions on trade, aid, debt, relations with Europe, economic regenera tion? What of his visit to ar Aids hospice, or his major speech to South African businessmen? Alastair Campbell.

Press secretary to Rt Hon Tony Blair MP. c/o British High Commission Cape Town South Africa.

Please include a full posta address, even on e-mailed letters, and a daytime telephone number. We may edi letters; shorter ones are more likely to appear. We regret we cannot acknowledge those not text of the visit. You state that

## Point of honour

MICHAEL Young (Letters, October 12) repeats the statement that my father, the late John Belcher, was "forced to resign from government and from Parliament" following the Lynskey Tribunal of 1948. In fact, my father resigned

from the government as soon as a tribunal was announced and then from Parliament when the findings were made. He was an bonourable man who was devastated by what happened. Even Shawcross, the Attorney General, who conducted an intensive crossexamination of my father, conceded that he had spoken "with dignity and frankness" My mother was subjected to an equally probing cross-examination and collapsed after leaving the witness box. The ordeal contributed to a succes-

sion of nervous breakdowns. When I compare my father's resignation speech with the arrogance of Neil Hamilton, I am proud to be the daughter of man who took the honourable path and stepped down because, as the Tribunal con-cluded, "he had been unwise in his choice of friends". Jill Mumford (née Belcher). Smugglers Lane, Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset BH21.

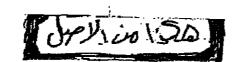
**Major exposé** OHN Major makes much of the fact that he once lived in Brixton (Major: Now it's personal, October 13). He was in fact raised and went to school in the leafy outer London suburb of Worcester Park, which was in the affluent Tory-voting borough of Sutton and Cheam. I know be cause I lived in the next road to the Majors and went to the same school. Moreover Rut-lish School, where he was later educated, was one of the best grammar schools in the equally affluent borough of Wimbledon. Roy Hayman. 127 Meadow Walk.

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picnic field to walk into the southern woods a long column of small birds flew out of the willow carr into the silver birch trees that lined the road down to the small sewage farm. The 27 long-tailed tits were unmistakable, and the rest of the flock were mainly blue tits with some slightly larger great tits amongst them. Through bin-oculars I watched the party move through the birches, searching every nook and cranny, picking and hovering until they gradually disap-peared from sight it was the peared from sight. It was then I realised that they had left a small group behind still feeding in the closest trees — six goldfinch and four siskins. The siskins were the first of the winter visitors to the valley I had seen this autumn. I joined the path along the river as the main purpose on this occasion was to pay my annual visit to the site of one

CHESHIRE: As I crossed the | autumn crocus, to see whether it had come into flower. I was relieved to find that it had and counted 19 purple flower heads, many of which were only inches above the ground. However, it was sad to see that others having reached their full height had collapsed due to lack of support — the tall grasses that usually covered the site had been worn away during the year by the many visitors to this part of the wood. A steady drizzle started to fall as I headed back to the village, and on the lane past the first cottages glistening drop-lets of water on the hawthorn hedges revealed layer upon layer of small flat spiders' webs. According to my refer ence book, these were the work of a common spider with the name Lynyphia triangularis which in autumn must surely occur on every shrub and tree in the country,' of our local rarities, the

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## Diary Matthew Norman

Nan intriguing twist on Home Counties tradi-tion, the family second car is becoming a weapon of guerilla warfare in Bucks. The war concerns a new store Tesco wishes to build in Gerrards Cross, while the Che Guevara of the Gin 'n' Jag set is Trevor Kent, once president of the National Association of Estate Agents. In a letter to the Bucks Advertiser ("Let's harass Tesco out of our town"), Mr Kent outlines his tactics to terrorise the firm into building else-where. All are splendid (blocking the gates of Tesco directors' houses every morning to simulate the traffic chaos is a classic), but the best of all is this. "Almost every household in Gerrards Cross has two cars," Mr Kent writes. "If we guarantee to fill Tesco's car park with our own spare cars, their ability to trade will be sorely affected." Indeed it will. Mr Kent is collecting for what he calls an "anarchy" fund (the Diary will be sending £25), and we look forward to following the war in the months ahead. Viva Los Rotarianistas! as they say in Gerrards Cross.

POIGNANT advert has appeared in The Job, honse journal of the Metropolitan Police. "UNWANTED," it reads,
"boxed royal family memorabilia, various Charles and Diana, Andrew and Sarah, offers to PC Simon Moy, Norwood Green". It makes you want to weep. Chin up, PC Moy. Chin up.

Ball's Daily Mail slot, "the brother of all columns", is the toast of Fleet Street, his sister Pat Dessoy appears in the Express with a thunderous letter. Mrs Dessoy is indignant about the use of a Spitting Image John Major puppet in last week's Labour broadcast. "As I understand it, Mr Blair has ambitions to be Prime Minister," writes Mrs Dessoy, witheringly. "If he wins the general elec-tion, next time it will be him who is lampooned in this way. Is this what he's trying to encourage? What will he say when it is done to him?" Answer that, Mr Tony

RARE sighting has been made in Brus-sels of Stanley "Stan" Johnson, veteran federast and former MEP. He was seen last week at a press conference for something Johnson, might scorn (he might kick its head in, to be frank) . . . a Body Shopsponsored campaign calling for a Europe-wide ban on all animal testing for cosmetthe Giant White Rabbit with bleeding eyes so subtly deployed by the Body Shop. Would you like to take the head off?", he asked the hid-den head. "I'd hate you to get too hot in there." Imagine the Jackal asking if you wanted your head taken off . . . not like father, like son one bit, it seems.

ONGRATULATIONS to Rosie Boycott, whose appointment as editor of the Independent on Sunday was announced on Friday. Given that on the previous Monday Ms Boycott agreed that the rumour was "completely and utterly untrue", a word of praise to Monty Montgomery for pulling off the ap-pointment with such speed Although relations with Monty are mixed — you may recall how he used lawyers in the attempt to stop us mentioning his separation, on the riotous ground of "invasion of privacy" — I am forced to ask his advice about how to hire at such breakneck speed: for after nearly a month, we are no closer to finalising Bernard Ingham's appointment as Diary astrologer. So what's your secret, Monty? Is it charm alone, or does technique play a part too?

looms in Sydney. Suspicious about the flavour of the meat ples his wife was making him for work, gardener Dennis Molison sent one to a lab for analysis. He found that, though unlikely to kill him, the pies were filled with dog food. Mrs Jean Mollson could no longer turn a blind eye to the preference for minced steak of their St Bernard, Benji, reports Dogs Today, and had weighed her priorities accordingly.



## Will Blair measure up on global morality?

## Commentary Hugo Young

Prize is the most arresting award for many years. It's the first one I can recall that defeats the smootheries of international acquiescence. When Aung San Sui Ky was nobelled she was reviled by the Burmese military, but the world at large wasn't running such extravagantly pro-Burma policies that it felt obliged to regard the laureate as an alien spirit. Desmond Tutu, the Irish Peace Women and even Henry Kissinger, like other previous winners, had records that weren't an research. In 11 years of illegal open challenge to all major occupation. Indonesia has open challenge to all major governments. Bishop Belo and Jose Ramos-Horta, who were honoured last week for their defence of East Timor against the vile and illegal ocagainst me vite and megal oc-cupation by Indonesia, are rather different. They stand for something that can only arouse collective embarrass-

HIS year's Nobel Peace

They've sustained a cause to which the international community pays lip-service but little else. Self-determination for East Timor, while at-who have, surprisingly, been tracting the mild approval of able to keep this small and the United Nations and the distant place on the radar-

European Union, has elicited | screen. Some courageous hardly a single meaningful journalism has helped. The action from either body. Indonesia, buyer of arms, focus of trade and source of oil, rules. On the trade-off between trade and human rights, the Nobel committee gives an answer which rejects the answer given by the powers of the world. This is a resonant challenge, long scorned by the British Tories, among others, but surely addressed also to the party offering itself as their more sensitive and principled successor. When and how, outside the Nobel committee, should human rights take precedence over self-interest?

The appalling condition of East Timor is not disputable. Anyone who wants to know the details can get an up-to-the-minute pamphlet from the Catholic Institute for International Relations (190a New North Road, London N1). which is famously reliable fo its accurate history and brought about the deaths of about 200,000 East Timorese, and seeded the Catholic country with about 100,000 settlers, mostly Islamic and often forced, from Java. Its military government has starved the people and tried to break their language and culture. It has jailed resisters, abolished free speech, but not so far succeeded in crushing

The Government has con-cerns about all this. But as the Scott Report copiously revealed, its preferred way of dealing with them, in the complex greyness of arms-trading, is by non-disclosure. The Foreign Office seldom looks further than the location of power. In 1993, Doug-las Hurd went so far as explicitly to sympathise with Indonesia's separatist prob-

years ago was caught on cam-

era, and the work of John

Pilger and Hugh O'Shaugh-nessy has played a great part

in the disorienting of the Ja-

karta government, which

never expected that its Timor-ese adventure would still be

in contention 20 years later.
The people of East Timor themselves are their own, indefatigable heroes.

But what of the world? The

UN has passed some empty resolutions, and the EU has

agreed a pious text. Behind a rhetoric of concern stands the

inertia of submission. The lure of trade has been the un-

guent of tolerance. Britain sold \$200m of weaponry to In-donesia between 1988 and

1992, and more than doubled

that in a single deal for 2

Hawk fighter/trainer jets in November 1995. Foreign Office

denials that aid, which has marched in suspiciously close

lock-step with arms-deals, has

anything to do with commerce have to be read in the context

of similar denials over the Ma-laysian Pergau Dam, which

the courts did not uphold.

lems, referring with disdain to "some theoretical people in the West talking about the purity of self-determination". As Foreign Secretary, he always showed a coldly sceptical atti-tude to the role of human rights in determining foreign policy decisions. In connection with aid to Indonesia, he again said in 1993 that insisting on a link with human rights was not a "sensible and fruitful thing to do".

Such thinking, which permeates the chancelleries of the world, will condition the real reaction of power-brokers to East Timor's new eminence, whatever bromides they feel obliged to utter. The Nobel disturbs their policy of quiet indifference. Perhaps it will even elevate East Timor, for a while, into a popular cause. There was evidence of this even before the Nobel, when a British jury, to uni-

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versal astonishment, acquit-ted four women who admitted sabotaging some of the fighter jets that were bound for Indonesia. Their defence, that they had a higher duty to prevent genocide in East Timor, evidently struck the populist conscience in a way that previously only South Africa

might have done.
For a future Labour government, South Africa in fact offers a pointed antecedent. In the late sixties, more than half the Wilson Cabinet wanted to sell arms to South Africa, but the minority mo-bilised party and popular opinion against the deal. The conscience vote won the argument. It was a position which even a passionate arms-seller

Whether a similar kind of East Timor or anywhere else, remains for the moment decidedly moot.

arms-trade is studiously un-threatening. It says it won't grant licences for weapons that might be used for internal repression or external aggres sion, for abusing human rights or perpetrating torture. But it won't interfere with existing licences, and has no intention of defining which customers for the biggest of all Britain's export industries might fall within its notional ban. It states, in short, pur poses that are almost identical with the present govern-ment's, and tell one nothing whatever about how much relief the people of East Timor can expect from the support. both moral and material, Brit-

ain has for so many years sup-

plied to their oppressors.

Questions of morality in foreign policy are not easy. Different countries present different issues. But thes matters are worthy of discussion, and are not adequately dealt with by triumphalist in-dignation of the kind that Labour leaders have rightly assembled around the Scott Report. Does East Timor merit any support, even at the expense of British jobs? The Nobel Prize poses the question. As it happens, Tony Blair was yesterday pecu-liarly well-placed to address it. He was in South Africa, at-tending the Commonwealth Press Union, largely to gratify the president thereof, the edi-tor-in-chief of the Daily Mail. There couldn't have been a better forum in which to change the subject, and ven-

ture some indicative thoughts about New Labour's global values. Instead it was the same old stuff the safe, inexpressibly tedious version, yet again, of New Labour Britain, about which the wider world

like Denis Healey, when he came to write his memoirs. Ooh, it went admitted had been correct. conscience will be exhibited by New Labour, in respect of East Timor or anywhere else.

Straight over the goalie's head



Rachel Cusk

■HOSE who witnessed the spectacle of a man giving a Nazi salute to a baying stadium on Saturday will probably have been more confused than reassured by Mark Bosnich's subsequent admission that he made the chilling gesture "in ignorance".

In ignorance of what? Of the fact that Tottenham has a traditionally Jewish following? of German history? Of the sig-nificance of the salute itself? In fact, on whichever count he is prepared to declare himself a fool, Mr Bosnich's behaviour shows evidence of quick thinking. Taunted with the name of Jurgen Klinsmann, the former Spurs striker in-jured by Bosnich two seasons previously, he had fished the player's nationality out of the melting pot of club football and illustrated it, before you could blink, with a gesture which pinioned not just the crowd at White Hart Lane but the whole tangle of sporting, social and historical feeling which lies beyond it.

What can Bosnich's gesture have meant? All Germans are Nazis? Bosnich is a Nazi? Tottenham fans are Germanlovers? Lost in the riddle of interpretation, the goalkeeper later demonstrated an equally tenuous grasp of the contemporary by giving the appearance of a man addled by political correctness. "It's a sad day for society when something like this happens," he said. "But that's the way things seem to have been going." Spurs fans might have "lost people in the war", but so had be. He had meant the gesture as a "joke", and threw in his belief in freedom of speech for good measure.

Thus in a matter of moments we saw all the precious tenets of our time worn as dangerously, and understood as insufficiently, as any crack-pot creed or dogma. The incident illustrates perfectly the dangers not of ignorance but of a little knowledge, of notions that are too easily grasped. That free speech and free country should be widely invoked as a licence to say and do as one likes is a glaring enough example of this tendency. But there are countless other areas in which the power of simplification is susceptible to misappropriaby people who have no qualifistood this better than the Nazis, whose iconography inform would seem to have outlived a denied.

common grasp of the atrocities committed beneath it.
Politicians are notorious for bolling down complex issues into pellets which can be as easily fired at other people as swallowed. The deriding of "political correctness" by public figures such as Brian Mawhinney — in whose hands. satisfyingly, such ammunition almost always backfires — leads, by a process awful in its banality and inexorability, to the manufacture by other public figures (such as Mark Bos-nich) of inarticulate blocks of belief which can be stacked up like Lego Without the cement

of thought.
Racial hatred and abuse does not merely revolve around questions of black and white. But it is the area in which it is most dangerous to shun complexity. Ignorance is not an excuse. Ignorance is the fuel of racial intolerance. Paul Gascoigne, in similar trouble over his flute-playing antics during a Rangers-Celtic match, made similar excuses, albeit with more humility. His team-mates had put him up to it and he had made the gesture without knowing what it meant. Clearly, he wished afterwards that he had known; his ignorance had made a fool of him, had let others use him.

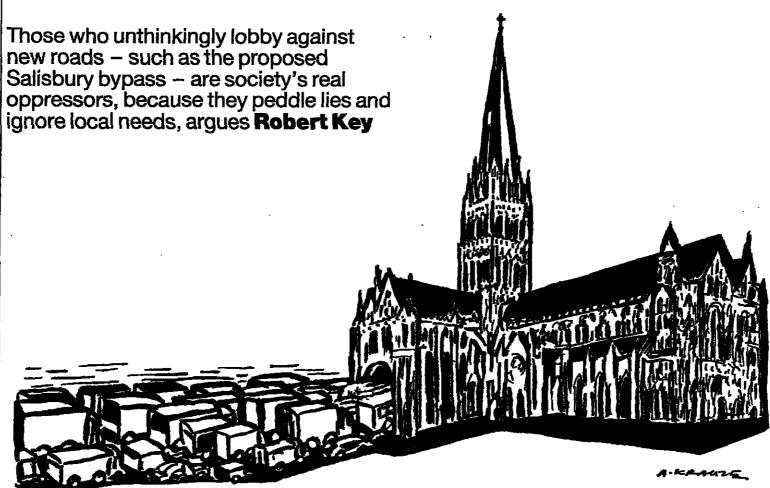
Once symbols, in all their simplicity and power, become detached from their grounding in fact and history, they enter the vocabulary of human hatred, an undifferentiated artillery of loose cannon

open to anyone.

Lest it might be thought that one should accept Bosnich's own view of his gesture — that it was jocular and harmless — a disturbing reminder of the resilience of anti-Semitism lies in the less-publicised world of art. Rachel Whiteread's magnificent memorial to the Jews of Vienna, due to be erected at the heart of the city's Jewish quarter in November, has been blocked by a petition bearing the signatures of more than 2,000 of its residents. It's not just that they don't like it — they think it shouldn't be there at all. It is easy to see how those determined to conceal history could collude with those who know nothing about it.

ICHAEL Howard fended his refusal to criminalise denial of asserting the Holocaust by asserting that it would play into the hands of those it attempted to silence; that it infringed the right to free speech. Others have agreed, suggesting that it would advertise the notion of such a denial and expose people to lies they might otherwise never hear.

The primary problem is surely not one of denial, but of increasing ignorance. Let's hope Labour's commitment to cation to do so. No one under- making Holocaust denial a criminal offence will at least inform people of what is being



# uel carriageway

LOVE Salisbury. I love controversial point on the 11- traffic from London to Exeter | district and county councils. | to minimise impact on the it passionately. It is an mile route is in fact sand and the South-west belched | We then witnessed over a | SSSI and to move it further awesome place. I was only two when in 1947 my father was moved from Plymouth to be Bishop of Sherborne (the even older See and title of the Suffragan to Salisbury). We lived in six houses in the Cathedral Close, including Mompesson House (now National Trust) and the Walton Canonry (now author Leslie Thomas). In our little boat I explored every creek and ditch of the

local rivers and watermeadows. I fished for trout, grayling and eels. I waded in the clear water watching sticklebacks and crayfish. I was taught how the water levels were controlled and how critical they are to the stability of the cathedral itself. As a pupil at the cathedral school I mucked about on rafts in the pond behind the old palace — where Constable painted his most famous chocolate box picture of the cathedral. I played games on Lower Marsh Close — site of Constable's most successful attempt (they all failed) to persuade the cathedral to conform to two dimensions. Yet Constable did not paint the cathedral from the watermeadows. It just sounds good. Of course, like most things for miles around here, the proposed Salisbury bypass is within sight and sound of our cathe-

dral. But so is the railway. It has been suggested that the proposed bypass would be built across some perfect unspoilt part of the valley. If the

wiched quite neatly between the sewage-works and the B & Q store. As for the river, the National Rivers Authority (as it then was) was consulted at an early stage, and its modest concerns were addressed to its satisfaction. No one can make a sustainable environmental judgment by considering only one side of an argument or equation. Yet that is precisely what is happening here. The Salisbury bypass is about much more than motor vehicles. What of our built environ-

ment? Our city was spared the bombs, and the worst ex-cesses of the 1960s passed us by. But if we aren't allowed to cherish our chequers and breathe new life into our city centre we will become a faded museum, not a Jewel in the crown. This bypass could give us the first opportunity for 100 years make a real difference to the quality of Britain's finest medieval market town and to the quality of life of its people.

A 13th-century squabble be-tween Church and State (the romantic excuse) and the lack of water on top of the chalk hill (nearer the truth) led to the abandonment of Old Sarum and the planning of the new city as a chequerboard of streets and property outside the Close walls. The new city grew rich because the bishop built a bridge. He changed the pattern of transport.

At the confluence of five day thundering through our rivers, locals, merchants, arpress and TV cameras had mies, animals and vehicles been angled just slightly dif- from charlots to charabanes ferently, and if journalists have moved in their time and outsiders hadn't set their along hill-top droves, Roman and outsiders hadn't set their along hill-top droves, Roman on three alternative routes. own agenda in advance of roads, turnpikes, trunk roads. The route now preferred was their arrival, they would have and railways. When I was a massively endorsed by seen that the one seriously | child in Salisbury all the road | elected councillors of parish, | the road should be realigned | Minister for Roads and Traffic

through the ancient city centre. The A303 was upgraded 30 years ago — which moved the problem neatly to Stonehenge. Salisbury is on the strategic route from South Wales and Bristol to the Channel Ports. Yet the A36 has never been strategically upgraded, and it was never 50,000 vehicles a day entered going to be a motorway or Euro-route. Instead, we have had to make do with an inade-quate inner-ring relief road ploughed through residential

areas of the city. This argument is not just about the A36. We need traffic to move from valley to valley around the city without al-ways going through the middle. There are 14 routes joining over 100 villages to the hub of our community in Salisbury. They generate le-gitimate traffic — and they always will. In addition, the main roads from Bristol, Swindon, London, Southamp-ton and Bournemouth all meet at Salisbury. The miracle is that we have been

spared a motorway.

The twisting of Salisbury's traffic figures to suit Johnnycome-latelys and greens takes the biscuit. The favourite fic-tion is that "unpublished" government figures show that 94 per cent of bypass traffic would be local — so don't build the road just for 6 per cent of through traffic (even though that would spare us 3,000 vehicles per working

Is anyone interested in the truth? Back in 1988 the DoT went to public consultation

year of objections from pres-sure groups and individuals in the longest and most ex-pensive road inquiry ever. Those misbegotten figures were fabricated from the DoT figures presented to the public inquiry. Measurements showed

Salisbury along its radial routes and 40 per cent left without stopping. Of 16,000 a day entering on the A36, 7,000 left without stopping and 3,000 stuck to the A36 route without stopping. It is a sleight of hand to compare those 3,000 vehicles with a total of 50,000. The fact, suctotal of 50,000. The fact, successfully argued to the Inspector, is that 40 per cent of all through traffic would use some part of the bypass. For some part of the bypass. For some part of the bypass. For under a "design, build, finance and operate" contract. cles a day out of the city.

OR YEARS succes sive Salisbury councils, of different political colours and none, have sought sane, theaper alterna-tives. There have been none. The DoT wants the traffic out of the city. So do we. Then we can implement sensible and long-term policies to pedestrianise and rejuvenate the medieval, retail city heart. bring in rational parking policies, keep 80-year-old promises on access to the indus-trial estates and bring relief to the thousands of people of all ages who live alongside the choked and choking through routes.

There is, of course, an environmental cost in the 500 metre selection which is the Robert Key, Conservative focus of controversy. I believe for Salisbury, is a former

area. But don't forget this whole section of road could be removed and erased if future generations find a better ontion. Even hardened road pro-testors at Winchester acknowledge the benefit of removing the old dual carriageway between the cathedral and Twyford Down. I have been polling local

opinion on these issues. In February, 76.5 per cent of a sample of 471 households agreed that the bypass must be built. By August, the figure had risen to 80 per cent of a sample of 335 households. If the road goes ahead, it will

there are deep and sincere beliefs on both sides of the argument and across the po-litical spectrum. But what an irony that the respect for history, heritage and country side that motivates so many of the real citizens of Salis odd collection of the politically correct, the emotional and the fanatical. It has been given a good stir by the media spin-doctors, so that we now need rescuing from the very people who fondly think it is we who need saving.

On my 10th birthday, in 1955, the cathedral librarian put into my hand an original Magan Carta and warned me I would need to remember that day. But who are the oppressors now?

Robert Key, Conservative MP



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# The book of the living

N 1994, the author and editor Elizabeth Gille, who has died aged 59, published an unusual novel about cancer. There were details about her private life in Le Crabe sur la Banquette Arrière (The Crab on the Back Seat) that led to suspicions that the book was partly autobiographical.

The heroine knows she will

die, and this knowledge induces in her a sense of profound solitude. But her soli-tude is continually interrupted by the concern of children, friends, colleagues and strangers. She wants to accept her disease, and to live positively for what is left to her of life, but the people around her insist on treating her as a sick person, displaying good intentions that are far from welcome.

Her eldest son already treats her as if she has entered second childhood. A friend brings her news of all "miracle remedies" he finds in the press. A woman friend offers to do all her fish diet "because it's so good for the health, and I think you're not eating enough of it!" At work, in her editorial lisher's, her tribe of already published and successful manuscripts saying 'Here's my latest, I'm sure you'll be able to work on it for publication.

And there are all the other sick people who are either recovering from some slight indisposition or feel "another attack coming on". The sur-geon tells her she has a 50 per cent chance. She feels all the more uncertain and unreal The "novel" goes on to de-

scribe with wry humour and calm philosophy how the heroine deals with all these conflicting distractions, in search of that solitude, both outer and inner, that will help her to continue living with dignity and independence. The style is plain, often moving, especially when a caustic tone enters her reactions to well-meant help.

Gille came from an extraor-dinary Russian émigré family, whose life she recounted through the pseudo-memoirs of a mother she soon lost, in Le Mirador (1992). Her mother was Irene Nemirovsky, daughter of a Russian Jewish banker who emigrated from Klev in 1917, and settled in Paris. Elizabeth gives a vivid account of Parisian annès folles in the 1920s and early 1930s, with a father losing money in speculation, minis-



The date of my death is set. That does not prevent me from laughing

ing in Montparnasse, finan-cial crashes, Russian restaurants and night clubs. And the rise of Hitler . . Le Mirodor carries an epigraph taken from the first three noble lines of Paul Valé-

ry's La Jeune Parque: Who weeps there, if not the wind, simply, in this hour Of diamond-pointed soli-tude? O who weeps there, So close to myself, now that a tear approaches?

We note the word "solitude" again, and images of sorrow, tragedy, as Elizabeth prepares to write the sad fate

of her mother Irène, and with her knowledge of her own fate pushed to the back seat of her mind. Irène had been one of the most popular, celebrated novelists in pre-war France, and recently all her works were re-published, to immedi-

The family was prosperous

happy and famous among the émigré aristocrats and downand outs, as well as the French public. The war came, and suddenly their fortunes changed. As Jews, they were regarded at first with suspicion, then active hostility.
During the Nazi occupation,
Elizabeth was sheltered by a
Roman Catholic schoolfriend's family. But her mother, arrested in July, 1942 and sent to a transit camp at Pithiviers, was in a convoy that left for Auschwitz. She

did not survive. Elizabeth Gille's most recent book, with the signifi-cant title Un paysage de cendres, "landscape of ashes" has already been nominated for the Goncourt, the Médicis and the Femina prizes. It is the story of Léa Levy, a little girl in Paris during the Occu-pation. With the Liberation, the family she had been living with starts a new life. But she and nothing but her own soli-

losopher Vladimir Jankelé-vitch, her adored teacher. Elizabeth Gille was a gifted translater of William Faulkkosch, Patricia Highsmith and JG Ballard. She also started a series of new editions, the Collections Rue Racine, in which she intro-

peopled by the memory of her

mother and friends and rela-

tives who had perished in the Holocaust. The book closes

Lea's student days at the feet of the great "Janke", the phi-

duced new writers, both French and foreign. She was responsible for the "Presence du futur" at Denoel, and at various times had been literary director at Flammarion, Juliard and Rivages, as well as acting as reader for Seuil Editions.

comments she made on her deaths remains uncertain but mine is already set, more or less. That does not prevent me from living. Or from laughing." Right to the end, the crab on the back seat was kept well in its place.

James Kirkun

translator, born March 20, 1937,

mode of dress, a contempt for

low moral fibre, and sense of responsibility for the well-

being of his subordinates. His

committee skills combined

sharp strategy with an open charm, which was hard to

resist. All good lecturers have

a gift for words, and Tom's

fluency was combined with

an intense interest in people

and an astonishing recall for

Tom graduated with a bot-

any BA from Lincoln College, Oxford, in 1955 and stayed on

for his DPhil. The tissue for

each experiment he did at

that time came from fungal

sheaths, which were pains-

takingly dissected from beech

roots ripped out of Boar's Hill before dawn. This wearisome

chore took all morning before

the biochemical work of after-

noon and evening could begin



Elizabeth Gille . . . search for survival through solitude

**Tom ap Rees** 

## To find the force that drives the flower



Growing leeks deflantly in Cambridge . . . Tom ap Rees

was killed, aged 65, in a cycling accident in plant biochemist who communicated his enthusiasm to thousands of students during plants get their energy. He 30 years of university

often initially bemused by his singular style. He would harangue them like a sergeant-major. Then, as the evidence was skinned, gutted and filleted, it would dawn on the students that he was providing them with meat for the mind, simply and clearly presented. His was always a bravura performance and ensured stayed on to do research with him later to teach and research all over the world.

They are his legacy.

For much of his life he investigated the control of intermediary metabolism. His research interests in what became Cambridge's department of plant sciences in-cluded the interplay between compartments exchanging his Welsh roots — he went to student complaining about te-

AP REES, who and modifying sugars and or-illed, aged 65, in ganic acids within plant cells, ling accident in how starch is made in starch grains, and the action of respiration in plants — which is the way non-green parts of was interested in how roots survive oxygen starvation when they are flooded, for instance - and how some plants can generate heat.

> generation and expenditure of which is all down to production lines manned by enzymes. To understand the control of the pathways of life in plant cells was the ambitious target he set himself. An experimental scientist. he valued good hands as much as a good brain. In the crispest and whitest of white

Life relies on energy, the

lab coats, he introduced practical plant blochemistry classes to second year students by listing the parallels between experimental technique and cooking. I think his loyalty, political

Llandovery College, of which | dium could ever hope to he was proud to be a trustee. | match it. From three years in the Royal Signals — he rose to the rank of lieutenant — he adopted a

the United States, he was appointed lecturer in mycology at the University of Sydney. Two years later, still in Sydney, he switched back to research. He arrived in Cambridge in 1964 with Wendy, his Austra-

lian wife, and immediately joined in the complete revision of the first-year biology course, spearheading the lectures and practicals in biology of cells. The new course with its use of experimental ously unimagined, was a resounding success. By 1965, he was a fellow of Gonville and Caius College, where he remained, becoming a profes

sorial fellow in 1991. Tom ap Rees worked tirelessly for plant sciences in the research councils, chairing the plant and microbia sciences committee for many years, and rising to member ship of the science and engineering board. It was his voice that campaigned for us: he was always asking "have you any problems?" This was Lord Baden-Powell, vice-

question: he would drop whatever he was doing on the highest university committees campaigning for plant sciences. From October 1995, he also rescued and ran the third largest botanic garden in the country, as acting He relaxed by climbing al-

pine mountains each summer, growing leeks and crooked parsnips in cracks in south Cambridgeshire's unforgiving clay, and beginning and ending every working day by cycling the six and a

He was a terrifyingly formi-dable adversary, but he was also the kindest of men. In my first few weeks in my first job, I used his Heraus Christ, the only high-speed centrifuge, and broke it Summon ing every scrap of courage, I owned up. He could not have been gentler or more comforting, even though the spindle again.

Tom leaves Wendy and three sons: Huw, leven and

David E Hanke

Tom ap Rees, botanist, born Oc-

60: Richard Carpenter. singer, 50; Craig Chalmers, rugby player, 28; Andrew Cole, footballer, 25; Howard Colvin, architectural historector, British Geological Survey, 58; Alan Elsdon. trumpeter, 62; Keith Fordyce, radio presenter, 68; John Kenneth Galbraith, economist, 88; Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 92: Tito Jackson. rock singer, 43; Alan Jones, chief executive, BICC, 57; Tessa Keswick, director, Centre for Policy Studies, 54; Catherine Lampert, director, Whitechapel Art Gallery, 50: Dame Anne Mueller. chancellor, De Montfort University, 66; Baroness Perry, president, Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge, 66; Peter Phillips, director, Tallis Scholars, 43; Mario Puzo, novelist 76. Prof Charles Rees, organic chemist, 69; Arthur Schlesinger, US historian, 79; Baroness Serota, penal reformer, deputy speaker, House of Lords, 77; Chris Smith, cricketer, 38, Roscoe Tanner, tennis player, 44, David Trimble, MP, leader, Ulster Unionists,

*Lucy Munby writes:* Frida Knight's work for peace was the thread that ran through her life (obituary, October 4). She actively supported CND when living at Reading and founded Cambridge Against the Missile Bases when she retired to Cambridge. This organisation reached a peak membership of 1,200 and a train had to be chartered to take members to a London demonstration.

Her love of music and passionate crusade for peace came together in her work for the Peace Council when she persuaded Tortelier to give a Guildhall and again when she brought over Russian child pianists to perform there. During her recent campaign memorate William Morris, a Cambridge don was heard to things?" Sadly, she won't be acting as a gadfly any more. **Ethel Cain** 

## At the third stroke, it will be the speaking clock, very precisely

don's Victoria exchange when she made a telephone call which changed her life.

and out and trying not to get shirty with impatient callers, she rang for a candidate's interview to help with a newfangled gizmo, which was the subject of much hilarity in the exchange canteen.

It was called the speaking clock; and after a month of say Who is this Frida Knight tapes, trials and final short-who keeps wanting me to do listing with new rotating glass discs using photo-elec-tric storage, it turned itself

and a hot tip for Pinewood

cinema roles. She had beaten almost 15,000 other hopefuls for the chance to say phrases like "2.25 and 30 seconds" in tones which were specified as precisely as the clipped voice with the telephone time. Canrecording session were required to get as close as they could to a sound "...as detached as the voice of a bird, without trace of overemphasis or personal adver-

some criticism initially as slightly plummy, 13 million people from London alone rang the clock in its first year. The GPO's occasionally inspired way with dialling codes, which at the time in-cluded letters, led to the affectionate nickname TIM and a national institution was born. Ethel herself abandoned the daily commute from Croydon to Victoria and launched herself on the stage, taking the jazzier name Jane Cain and achieving a moderate success

with a series of supporting

THEL (Jane) Cain, who into 27-year-old Ethel. No tisement. The speech must be parts. Within weeks of windless and free from an accent, ning the voice job (and its 10-year-old Ethel) into 27-year-old Ethel. No tisement. The speech must be parts. Within weeks of windless willing away the spring operator from Croydon, Cain of 1936 at her General Post became the girl with the Office switchboard at Longolden voice, national star though her voice received week job at the telephone exweek job at the telephone ex-change for the boards of London's New Theatre; and when she had to re-record TIM on more modern equipment in 1938, she negotiated a healthy

> Thereafter, she proved contentedly — a classic exam-ple of the "famous for 15 minutes" phenomenon, although her voice staved as TIM until Pat Simmonds, famous for the exactness of her school-mistress tones, took over in 1962. The daily 8,642 messages

are now the work of Brian anonymous voice inspired.



The sound of time . . . Ethel Cain recording in the 1930s

from the Brighton exchange, who beat 5,000 rivals in 1984, scooped a £5,000 prize and took an hour to record the necessary words on digital equipment.

Jane Cain died peacefully at Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, proud of a strange claim to fame but level-headed about the curiosity her familiar but

Cobby, a mellow-voiced chap | This was exploited most famously by the playwright Tom Stoppard whose work If You're Glad I'll Be Frank was based on a man dialling TIM and recognising to his amaze ment, the voice of his former

Martin Wainwright

Ethel (Jane) Cain, born May 1909; died September 29, 1996

**Death Notices** 

52; The Duchess of York, 37.

In Memoriam

To place your amediacement to 0171 713 4567, Fax 0171 713 4129.

**Jackdaw** 



### **Essay** excuse

COMPUTER Virus: Your computer has become infected with an unknown virus, and it has wiped your assignment clean! Possibility: The probability

of encountering a computer vicially when using college PCs. Comments: It's bound to happen and lecturers are usually pretty sympathetic. Success rating: 100 per cent. This is a short-term winner that will get you that extra week that you need. Can be used at least once per term. Amnesia: You simply forgot to get it done.

Posstbility: It can happen.

Comments: Your tutor will not be impressed, but at least you're being honest. Success Rating: 0-30 per cent. The more flustered you are. the better chance of succeeding, not a good excuse.

Love! You tried to finish your essay, but just couldn't stop dreaming about your tutor. Yes — you love them! Possibility: Your lecturers

probably fancy themselves as a bit of a born leader, charismatic, intelligent, witty, who wouldn't find them attractive? Comments: Seducing your flabby middle-aged lecturer to gain extra marks and essav extensions? Are you mad? Success Rating: 0-100 per cent. This is a make or break olan that could result in you having to perform a few extra

Mitigating circumstances: Something dreadful has hap-pened. You can't say what as

curricular activities with

it's very personal — but it is Possibility: These things do happen (whatever they are). Comments: Lay it on thick: wail and moan. Hint at vague

### personal details and look distressed

Success Rating: 50-100 per

cent. Another one that's all down to performance, a one-off that could give you a month-long extension right across the board. Utter rubbish: Simply empty the contents of a dustbin bag

Possibility: Only works on an art course. Comments: Mumble something about being an arch critic of consumerism. Refer to Jim Dine's Dustbin by Ar-man (1961). Point out the skilful juxtaposition of banal objects, the parody, the blurring of boundaries, the painful realism of it all. Burst into

Success rating: 50-100 per cent. If you've done your read-ing, and can form a good argument, you could drag this one out to an MA. Quick - phone

the Ikon. For those at university being given their first essay deadlines, a few hints on how to avoid them from a student guide discovered by F David in the tourist office in

### In touch

DEAR --Thank you for calling my office to voice your support for a petition to recall me from Congress. You may be interested to know that the state of Indiana does not have any recall petition mecha-nism in place. You might wish to contact your repre-sentatives in the Indiana General Assembly to indicate your support for establishing such a measure. Please feel free to contact me at any time

on matters of concern to you. Yours, Steve Buyer. From a letter sent out by Repre sentative Steve Buyer (Republi-can, Ind). Some of his constitu-ents had organised a drive to recall him from Congress, ac-cusing him of not doing enough to bring an end to a govern-ment shutdown last winter. Reprinted in Harper's

### Dear Mary

Q. RECENTLY at a golf club in France I left, by mistake, my small camera on a shelf in a large room full of caddies and players. After lunch and

spread of gossip? A. Enter the chemist's shop camera and asked the caddy master, whom I knew well, if wearing a sombre expression he had seen it. He had picked it up from where I had left it and was glad to find the owner. I returned to England that night, and the following day (the camera having not left my possession) I finished the reel with three photos in my garden, then took it on to our village shop for process-ing. The next morning I col-

lected the loosely-clos package containing the prints and negatives, and without opening it, set off for a long drive north. At lunch-time I looked at the photos and, to my astonishment, saw that between the 24 photos I had taken in France and the three in England, there were

nine of an erect man's penis
evidently taken by the man
himself.
Dear Mary, how do I find out if the pretty shop assistant had looked at or been warned about the "indecent exposure"? I now think, possibly imagine, that she gave me—an elderly man—a quizzical look, and if she did, how do I prevent or quash the

on your face and confide to a male manager: "Tm afraid some very offensive, though not illegal, photographs were taken with my camera, as a practical joke. They were developed here, so if you would like to give me the names of any members of your staff that have been offended, I

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golf club where the outrage

was perpetrated to write to them to apologise."

### Love lives

**Busy Couples Make Time** for Love: A third of the women surveyed have not spent a weekend alone in the last six months. Most couples try to go out together once a week, but one in three estimates the frequency is nearer once a month. To make up for lost time, 27 per cent of couples spend much of their leisure time having sex. It is esti-mated that couples make love twice a week on average, and over half the women polled have sex when they feel too tired, to keep their partners

happy. British couples are sexually adventurous: nearly two thirds of those polled have tried or would like to try using sex aids; over half watch adult videos to spice up their sex lives and a third bave tried or would like to try bondage. However, partner swapping and group sex are out of the

question for 91 and 83 per cent respectively.

Dizzy Mare, Prat, Skummy and Old Trout are just some of the insulting nicknames partners adopt for each other. Ani-mal-inspired names include Pigeon, Badger, Bearskin and Rabbit while more unusual names include Bunsley's Mother. Snod and Trotter.

Welsh couples claim to make love the most, on average three times a week compared to the national averag of twice a week. East Anglian couples make love the least, and 61 per cent of women from this area admit they have sex when they feel they are too tired, just to keep their partners happy. Couples from Wales have the most tempestuous relationships.

How we live and love from a survey conducted by She

Jackdaw wants jewels. E-mail jackdaw@guardian.co.uk; fax 0171-713 4366; Jackdaw, The Guardian, 119 Farringdon Road, London EC1R 3ER.

**Emily Sheffield** 

Barings chief

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# Finance Guardian

Leeson's boss says she was praised and promised payment on eve of bank's collapse Notebook

## Barings chief claims £½m bonus

HE boss of jailed Bar-ings Bank trader Nick Leeson was offered a Leeson was offered a 2500,000 bonus only one day before the institution collapsed with debts of £860 million, an industrial tribunal heard yesterday.

The bank's new owners subsequently refused to pay the bonus to Mary Walz, who was Barings' global head of equity financial products, and dismissed her. She is seeking to have the payment restored.

Giving evidence yester-day, Ms Walz said that on February 23 last year she want to the office of Andrew Tuckey, head of the trading arm of Barings, which was adorned with fine English paintings. He said: "Mary, what can I say? You are a star." She thanked him and he added: Tuckey 48 hours later, she "Everyone is very said she was told that she pleased." He showed her a might be suffering from

slip of paper with her bo-nus figure of £500,000 written on it and quipped: "Don't spend it all in one place." She told the tribu-



Mary Walz attends the industrial tribunal hearing in East London, to stake her claim for £500,000

something about maybe six months to steer the Walz had made a "surprisbuying a painting." bank through its troubles. ing claim". "What is sur-But, at a meeting with Mr

But Barry Underhill, representing Barings, said: "The decision was taken to might be suffering from dismiss those with quite a lot of responsibility for the collapse of the derivatives operation." After refusing to resign, Ms Walz was dismissed with three months'

respect of a period in which Barings' operation in Sin-gapore made catastrophic

losses which drove the bank into insolvency.
"It is surprising if you ex-

culpable."
Ms Walz was criticised in prising is Barings' global bead of derivatives claims the Bank of England's report on the collapse for not monitoring Leeson's acto be entitled to a bonus in tivities properly and for not fully understanding

what he was doing. She nonetheless believed she was entitled to a share nal in Stratford, East Lon-wanted to retain, on condidan: "I may have said tion that they remained for Mr Underhill said Ms those circumstances, pool Barings had set aside

PHOTOGRAPH: MARTIN GODWIN

whether or not you are for its best employees. Bonus payments had become "custom and practice". Ms Walz said that in 1992, ber first year with Barings, she had a salary of £80,000 and a bonus of £160,000, the following year her salary was £91,000 and bonus £300,000, so the promise of the £500.000 bonus had be-

come contractual.

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NEW ZEALAND-born lawyer Phillip Thorpe, head of the city watchdog Imro, has again stolen the

march on other watchdogs.

taking action first against pension firms which hood-

winked employees into

switching from company pension schemes into infe-

## One watchdog deserves a pat



Edited by Alex Brummer

THE reputation of Imro, the fund management regulator, may be associated in the public mind with the massive failure over the Maxwell group pension funds. That reputation is now almost certainly misplaced.

Under the stewardship of its current chief executive, Phillip Thorpe, Imro has gone a long way to restoring public faith in the supervision of wholesale fund management. The regulator's firm action, just announced, against four City firms implicated in the pensions mis-selling scandal Alexander Consulting Group, Godwins, Heath Consulting Company and Willis Corroon Financial Planning — demonstrates a determina-tion to bring this episode to a close within the promised

deadline.
That contrasts with the admittedly far bigger problems faced by the retail regulator, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), which is in danger of being regarded as being as ineffectual as its predecessor, Fimbra.

The action by Imro in the pensions mis-selling scandal follows a period of high activ-ity by the fund management regulator. It was responsible last month for blowing the whistle on traders at Jardine Fleming and Robert Fleming who enriched themselves rather than clients through a Hong Kong share-dealing

In the more serious case of Grenfell European trusts, it could be argued that Imro should have been more alert to the excessive quantity of unlisted securities carried in the funds, which led to a £200 million hole. That said, it is also worth noting that Imro has moved with speed to refresh the management at DMG, with an announcement expected today that four senior figures, including Keith Percy, the head of Mor-gan Grenfell Asset Management, have been moved. In terms of the numbers of

people involved, the Imro action is only the tip of the pensions mis-selling iceberg. The four firms disciplined were responsible for 14,000 pension transfer cases, including 2,800 priority ones meaning people in or on the verge of retirement. This is a huge number when one con-siders that only four firms were concerned and, although the fines of £405,000 may seem modest in City terms, they are recognition of culpability. Moreover, they are severe

rior private plans.

A former Wellington barrister and architect of the Hong Kong financial regulation system. Mr Thorpe, 42, has been an outspoken critic of the slow pace of when compared with the relatively low-key disciplinary action exercised by the Secu-rities and Futures Authority against senior executives at Barings. The real penalty for those concerned will be mak-

The Tories would like people to forget about it, but the green light given by the Government to transfers out of occupational pension schemes into private pension plans is the most broadly based financial scandal of

Of the 500,000 or so cases being looked at by the PIA, it is reckoned that only 3,000 have been cleared up, at a cost of £24 million. Yet the City's main regulator, the Securities and Investments Board, ordered that the priority cases, at least, should be dealt with by

the end of this year.

There are always good excuses for the hold-up: the vast number of cases involved; the complex formula required to assess compensation; infight-ing among the big players such as the large insurance providers and the independent financial advisers about culpability. In the age of information systems, the process has been too slow. People's pensions prospects have been put at risk in much the same way as they were in the Maxwell affair. It would not be hard to argue for abolition of the PLA, which has failed to serve the victims

### **Monetary markka**

NY European central Abanker who videoed events in the early autumn of 1992 finished up with a horror movie. A storm of speculative selling swept through the foreign exchange markets and almost wrecked exchange

Four years on, it looks as if the video is being shown again, but on rewind. Political will — and (some) market belief in the force of that will is helping put the Humpty
 Dumpty of 1992 back together

Back then, the first sign of Humpty's approaching fall was the decision by the Finnish authorities to abandon the link they had established five months earlier between the markka and the German mark. Soon afterwards the markka, fuelled by German obduracy on interest rates, engulfed the ERM. Out went the Italian lira and the pound. Last weekend, however, the markka re-established its

links with the ERM - this time through formal member-ship rather than last time's peg against the mark. The talk is now when — and at what rate — the lira will reenter the ERM, although nobody is touting a fresh appli-cation for sterling.

The re-establishment of the lira and markka's links is a consequence of the political drive towards a single currency. Many will see it adding weight to the process, too — a belief unlikely to be rigor-ously tested because of the scope for fudge allowed by the ERM's 15 per cent fluctuation bandş.

But, as the old ERM showed, the narrower the bands, the less the scope for fudge. Monetary union will mean zero bands. That should mean zero fudge. If it does ing good on the mis-sold rewind) of 1992.

# Pensions mis-sellers fined

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OUR of Britain's firms were fined a total of £405,000 yesterday as the pen-sions regulator handed down the first penalties arising meanours. from the mis-selling scandal They must also pay a total of £225,000 costs.

The companies between four firms were endemic. By them transferred 14,000 employees out of company schemes. The City regulator Imro yesterday accused Alexander Consulting Group, Godwins, the Heath Consulting Group, and Willis Corroon Financial Planning of "endemic

mis-selling". The firms were disciplined for giving customers unfair and misleading advice and for distorting the facts by failing to compare the benefits of a company scheme on a like basis with a personal pension. The Heath Consulting Group failed to point out the

benefits of an index-linked

pension when persuading employees to leave attractive Government schemes and move to inferior private ones. ander Consulting Group and Godwins it produced only the rosiest picture of a transfer option by calculating potential pension produced by using the maximum investment returns available. Cus-

leading blue-chip 46 pensions firms, is expected to take action against others who have broken the rules. Five firms have already been privately warned for misde-

Phillip Thorpe, Imro's chief executive, said: "The prob-lems of mis-selling with these tors, coupled with disciplin-ing firms for their past fail-ings, we have created strong incentives for firms to complete the review and redress exercise in a timely way."

Tmed: 140,000

than 3,000 firms whose penmost recent progress report, published in April, shows that only 7,000 policyholders had been compensated for being erroneously persuaded admitted it had experienced some procedural short-

tential victims.

A review of the sale of private pensions — particularly to employees either transfer-ring or opting out of company

tomers were not told about the lower range of investment watchdog, the Personal Investment Authority, has yet Imro, which regulates only to discipline any of the more sonal pensions in 1988 may regret that there were any desonal pensions in 1988 may have led more than 1.5 milsions business it oversees. Its | lion people to switch from at-

to leave a company pension some procedural short-scheme — out of 392,000 po-comings with its transfers.

fine. Chairman Hunter Devine Peter Stevens said: "We insaid: "We would stress that

any problems we experienced schemes — was ordered three opt out of a company scheme. The PIA is set to review years ago by the chief City Neither Imro's investigation whole area of the disclowatchdog the Securities and nor our own internal review of financial information. opt out of a company scheme.

Neither Imro's investigation whole area of the disclosure

ficiencies at all in our The Alexander Consulting Group received a £40,000 fine.

the Heath Group a £70,000 penalty, and Willis Corroon Willis Corroon director HUGE FINE ONER PENSION SALES

quickly as possible so that were with transfers. We none of our cleints suffers never encouraged anyone to any loss."

## The Heath Consulting Company

Fined: £79,090

O Did not illustrate personal pension on like for like basis when comparing with company scheme

Did not explain benefits of an index-linked pension when persuading people to opt out

Used maximum investment returns in comparisons

D Failure to ensure communications were not misleading

### Willis Corroon Financial Planning

☐ Provided some customers with information which was potentially unifair

[] Used maximum investment projections

Did not compare persions fairly
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## Fined: £95,000

change in financial regula-tion in Britain. He came to England in 1989 to become director and chief executive of the Association of Futures Bro-kers and Dealers.

## Vauxhall's £300m investment gives hope to Ellesmere Port

Alexander Consulting Group

Fined: 149,900

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Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

HOUSANDS of jobs will be safeguarded in Cheshire this morning petitive against world start of the UK's car factories are com

when Vauxhall announces a gards and are exporting as a gard and are exporting a gard and are exported and are Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, represents a massive the grant is unlikely to be vote of confidence in the factory by Vauxhall's parent, General Motors. The cash will be spent over three years to modernise and reorganise assembly operations and to avoid a repetition of the public make a new version of the Astra car and light van

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Commission has completed its

The trade and industry de-

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£71 million. Vauxhall was tight-lipped

yesterday ahead of today's ar-nouncement, but executives hope that the investment will secure the factory's future into the next century.

Because of the distance of the Cheshire site to the conti-

nent, there had been fears that the plant could be vulnerable to closure if GM's European operations were hit by a slump in sales. The decision to invest

£300 million indicates that GM is committed to the plant for the long term. A smaller investment, which had been con-sidered, would have left Ellesmere Port struggling to meet The Government is ex-of £80 million to Jaguar for a mere Port struggling to meet sected to welcome the factory to build the X200, a world-class standards of productivity and quality.

> ing about half the number of exports. the southern factory. Vaux-hall's investment should in-awaited investments that rier will remain in French crease the 125,000 cars-a-year | could be made in the UK car | hands, thereby increasing docapacity at Effesmere Port, industry.

announcement as further evidence of a renaissance in UK | mid-sized saloon car. After ten | possibly by as much as 20 per dence of a renaissance in UK | months of negotiation the DTI | cent. A third shift could also be car manufacturing. Trade sec | reined | back | the | aid | to | required, creating several humdred jobs.

Apart from securing the 3,500 jobs at Ellesmere Port, the decision to make the new Astra and light van also se-cures thousands of jobs in the component industry. Vauxhall executives are ex-

pected to pay tribute to employees and suppliers later today for helping to boost quality and productivity. Trade unions have been involved in discussions on working practices aimed at improving flexibility. Before signing off the investment GM managers will have analysed the company's sales prospects in the UK.

The investment indicates tors handling the deal "with a that Vauxhall expects its proposal". dealer network to continue to

## BA and Virgin Express make rival bids for debt-laden French carrier

Keith Harper Transport Editor

RITISH Airways and Richard Branson's Virgin Express yesterday challenged the French air transport industry with separate bids for the troubled air tors would be allowed to take a sterile in the husiness owned by a sufficient critical mass to sufficient critical mass to new French holding company established by BA. Once the group had been returned to profitability. French investors would be allowed to take a sterile in the husiness of French consumers."

The rescue plan for Air Librachi which has a sterile in the husiness of the competition in the best interest of French consumers. The rescue plan for Air Librachi which has a sterile in the husiness of the competition in the best interest of the competition in the line Air Liberté, which has a stake in the business. debts of £300 million.

If either is successful, the move could save 1,250 jobs and give the British carriers

enlarged landing slots at Orly airport in Paris. BA said its bid was £3 million, while Virgin Express the Brussels-based low-fare carrier, said that it had writ-ten to Air Liberté administra-

The French airline AOM sell large numbers of Astras in | yesterday decided not to bid The factory is smaller than this country. The company for Air Liberte. Although its sister plant at Luton, mak- may set new targets for French travel business Nouvelles Frontières is also intercars an hour that are made in | Vauxhall's announcement is | ested in bidding, it is thought

mestic political anxieties.

Under BA's proposals to the administrators, both it and on responsibility for Air Lillast month, mainly because of TAT, BA's French subsidiary, berté, said: "These two air rapid expansion in the face of would initially be kept as sep-

Bob Ayling, BA's chief ex-ecutive, said that one of its Indies and Reunion, and most objectives was to be a "truly global airline". Linking with Air Liberté was an excellent

berté envisages maintaining all its domestic routes, includ-

opportunity to get into the French domestic market. With about 12 per cent of the France, which is in the red, has been casting round for Marc Rochet, TAT's manag- It has a fleet of 15 aircraft | partners.

of its domestic fleet. From its base at Orly, it last year car-ried 2.6 million passengers,

competition. BA had written to the European Union, urgas entailing illegal use of state Joining forces at Orly with Air Liberté would give TAT

22 per cent of slots, behind Air France's 37 per cent.
It emerged yesterday that
Air France and Continental Airlines are in serious discus-

sions over an alliance. Air

## Airbus lags in race for USAir's £3bn order

biggest order by an American airline this year, writes

Mark Tran in New York. nosed ahead of Airbus for elaborate.

came closer to placing the cent owned by British Air-

the order for 120 aircraft | An Airbus official in- stitute a heavy blow.

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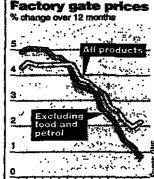
to Boeing again as USAir USAir, which is 20 per better, more popular aircraft." The order would be biggest order by an American airline this year, writes been holding talks with Boeing appears to have seed about a fairline for the punch on several big orders, especially in Asia. Another defeat would con-

### High street squeeze on manufacturing and boost to sterling ease rates pressure

# Price rises at 30-year low

TIFF high-street price tags has pushed factory-gate inflation down to its lowest level for almost 30 years, according to figures

published yesterday. Combined with a sharp rise in the value of the pound on the foreign exchanges, the data was hailed by City analysts as further evidence of a benign inflationary outlook. The Office for National Statistics said price tags on goods leaving UK manufacturing firms — stripping out erratic fuel and food — had risen by 0.9 per cent over the year to September, the lowest figure since September 1967. Market-watchers said the figures would provide the



Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, with the necessary ammuni-tion to fend off Bank of Engrise when Governor Eddie George and Mr Clarke next

Kevin Darlington, econo-mist at brokers ABN Amro Hoare Govett, said: "The sussures and the continued strength of sterling will allow the Chancellor to counter the Bank's more hawkish tone. The pound closed at DM2.4162 last night, half a pfennig up on the day, with dealers pointing to the effect of Mr Clarke's success at the Conservative Party conference. Asked about the value of he pound at the end of a

meeting of European finance ministers in Luxembourg, Mr Clarke said: "Sterling's strength doesn't concern me. We allow the markets to judge the value of sterling, which is why we aren't in the ERM, Sterling is strong and stable." The Chancellor received ONS on the price paid by British companies for raw materiigh atrest may been has cooled with the case is, according to a survey released vesterday, in the recent surveys histing at a slowidown in the case.

cludes petrol, food, tobacco and drinks. In the year to

September, the inflation rate for all goods leaving factories

was 2.2 per cent, up from 2 per

But most City commenta-

tors shrugged off the one-off effects of oil-price increases.

James Capel's David Bloom

cent the previous month.

als. Input prices fell by 2.7 per the headline rate of output cent over the year to Septemprice inflation, which inber — the biggest drop since

The only bad news for industry was a rise in fuel costs. with the price of crude oil at its highest since the Gulf war. Petroleum products jumped by 3.9 per cent between August and September. Dearer fuel fed through to

And the three-month annua-lised rate of output inflation fell to zero, suggesting further falls are in prospect over the coming months." Simon Briscoe, chief econo-mist at Nikko Europe, said fresh signs of subdued infla-tion at the producer end augured well for prices on the

said: "Core output prices con tinue to trend downwards

high street, and went some way to counter the small rise in retail price inflation registered last week. "The hope of good news on retail prices emains alive," he said. Mr Briscoe said the only potential threat to the inflation

outlook would come from retallers attempting to use cheaper wholesale goods to restore margins. But most analysts said that competitive pressures on the high street would force shops to keep a

## British investors 'missing out in Hong Kong'

Don't bet on a fall leaders both in the terriafter Chinese takeover, Donald Tsang tells Richard Thomas

RITISH firms are missing golden invest-ment opportunities in Hong Kong because of exaggerated fears of instability to China, the territory's financial secretary, Donald Tsang, warned yesterday.
In an interview with The

Guardian, Mr Tsang berated European pundits for misjudging the underlying strength of the Hong Kong economy and Beijing's po-litical agenda.

"In England, the feeling seems to be that because a number of British nation als have come back, the place must collapse," he said. "The tragedy is that Britain is missing out. Japanese and American money is pouring in."
Mr Tsang insisted the

Hong Kong economy was in good shape, with inflation down, growth strong, the trade balance steady, and stocks remaining firm. The danger, he said, was

that European investors would realise after the event that Hong Kong was Chinese hands which time they could have missed some of the juicier investment opportunities. A late investment rush would also give him a do-

mestic economy headache, by fuelling inflation. Mr Tsang passionately defended the "one country, two systems" blueprint for post-1997, which he said

On the link of the Hone Kong to US dollar (at an exchange rate of 7.8), the fi-nancial secretary warned than he had the resources to take on any dealers who bet on a fall. 'I have US\$60 billion. If someone sells Hong Kong dollars short, I have the money to

destroy them."

The first ethnic Chinese financial secretary, Mr. Tsang was critical yester-day of his future masters — "China was too boring for the IMF to want to borrow money from, so they came to Hong Kong instead" — but added sensitively: "We

do need each other." A free market would ensure political and individual freedoms, he said. When some of the Hong Kong press began to avoid criticising China, fearing for advertising revenues, entrepreneur Jimmy Lai had launched a populist, critical paper. Within months it was the second-best seller in the territory.

According to Mr Tsang. there are three compelling reasons why the Commu nist Party of China does not, in any case, want to smother Hong Kong under an ideological blanket.

First, Hong Kong is the number one investor in China, in large part with money recycled from elsewhere. Second, the territory offers China a political and cultural window on the west, and thus a stimulus to modernisation. But above all, if China fails to show that it can manage Hong Kong's capitalist economy. the ultimate prize — re-ab sorption of Taiwan — will slip out of reach.

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### News in brief

### **Accountants desert** beleaguered Wickes THE accountancy firm Arthur Andersen is to resign as

auditors for Wickes, the troubled DIY company which has discovered that it overstated profits by £50 million, it emerged Sources within the accounting industry said that the deci-

sion had been made but it remained unclear when the accoun-The news comes as Wickes prepares to unveil tomorrow a

long-awaited letter to shareholders in which it will explain how the accounting irregularities come about.

Publication of the letter, which has been held-up by legal

complexities, follows an investigation by City solicitors Linklaters & Paine which has uncovered irregularities, inflating the group's earnings over the last four years. The letter is likely to state that former top executives have

agreed to repay bonuses. Former finance director Trefor Llewellyn has offered to reimburse the company although negotations are still taking place with lawyers representing former chairman, Henry Sweetbaum. - Patrick Donovan

### Philips' profits warning

PHILIPS, the troubled Dutch electronics group, yesterday warned that its second-half profits would not show the forecast improvement and that it could be forced to speed up its restruc-

The warning came just over a week before next week's third quarter figures and is the second time in recent history that Philips has had to issue late warnings to investors that profits

have failed to live up to promises.

Philips shares slumped heavily on the news and dragged the rest of the Dutch stock market down in the early part of yesterday as the company made it clear that it was most unlikely that operating income would show an improvement in the second half compared with 1995. — Simon Beavis

## Farnell shares fall 20.5p

SHARES in the electronic components distribution group Pre-mier Farnell fell 20.5p to 660p after it announced disappointing first-half figures and forecast weak market conditions for the rest

of the year. The group is the product of Farnell Electronics' £1.85 billion takeover in April this year of Premier Industrial Corporation, its US counterpart. The business reported that first half net earnings per share, excluding rationalisation and other exceptional costs, fell from 17p to 16p. — Nicholas Bannister

### **Eurotunnel seeks extension** EUROTUNNEL confirmed yesterday that it was asking the Brit-

EUROTUNNEL confirmed yesterday that it was asking the British and French governments for an extension to its operating concession, which runs out in 2052, as it tries to persuade investors to support its \$9 billion debt restructuring plan.

The company also unveiled a management shake-up, splitting the company into two operating divisions with Bill Dix moving from chief commercial officer to managing director of Le Shuttle.

### Regulator steps off gas

GAS industry regulator Clare Spottiswoode said yesterday she would not be widening the Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into British Gas for the time being. She said the latest inquiry would initially investigate only Ofgas's price control proposals for TransCo, the group's pipeline and transportation business.

Analysts had been concerned that a broader investigation could complicate plans to demerge the domestic and international businesses early next year. British Gas triggered the MMC inquiry when it rejected Ofgas's proposals to cut an estimated £28 from the average annual bill for 18 million domestic consumers. — Celia Weston

### ADM pays record \$100m fine

Archer Daniels Midland, the American agribusiness group, yes-terday agreed to pay \$100 million (\$66 million), the largest ever fine in a criminal antitrust case. In exchange for pleading gully to two counts of price-fixing, ADM, would see an end to all justice department investigations of misconduct into the company. ADM has been the target of a four year probe.

The agreement calls on ADM to pay \$70 million for fixing prices of lysine, a feed supplement for livestock and citric acid, used in

of lysine, a reed supplement for investors and a supplement soft drinks and detergents.

The move comes just before ADM's annual meeting in Decatur, Illinois, where the company is based. ADM has come under shareholder pressure, particularly by the Florida and California pension funds, to appoint a more independent board of directions.



Dan Atkinson

ORMER Inland Revenue special investigator Michael Allcock yesterday pleaded not guilty to the most serious bribery charges levelled against a Crown officer in recent memory. He is accused of corruption

involving first-class air tick-ets, the services of a prosti-Mr Allcock denied a total of 13 charges at the Old Bailey. businessmen Hisham Alwan and David Shamoon, who de-

nied bribing Mr Allcock The trial proper has been delayed by legal argument and is not expected to open

until tomorrow.

Mr Allcock, aged 47, of Colchester, was the legendary head of the Revenue's Special Office 2 in London. He and his staff were charged with extracting back tax from wealthy but reluctant payers, a job at which they excelled.

in charge, covering 1989 to 1992, tens of millions of pounds were recovered for the Crown from some of the most determined of tax

The 13 charges against Mr Allcock cover the period June 1987 to October 1992.
One charge alleges that in

the summer of 1992, he accepted from another man, Ara Oztemel, two first-class air tickets from London to New York, accommodation, the cost and expenses of a cruise and back, the payment of a \$2,417 Plaza botel bill and Concorde tickets from New York to London.

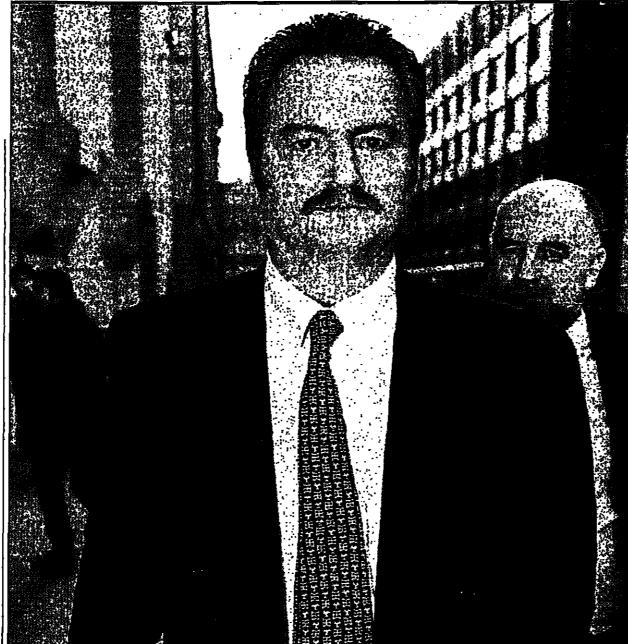
Earlier the same summer, he is accused of accepting an expenses-paid holiday in Ma-jorca from a Marwan Kalo. The previous summer it is alleged he was given a holidav in Marbella, Spain, from Mr Shamoon. For three years, in 1988

and 1991, he also had hotel bills in France paid for, according to the allegations. The first charge states: "Michael Clayton Allcock, being an agent of the Inland Revenue, on a day unknown before January 1 1991, did corruptly accept from Hisham sideration, namely the services of a prostitute, as an inshowing favour to Hisham Othman Alwan in relation to his principal's affairs or

business." Two Knightsbridge hotel bills were allegedly paid for Mr Allcock by Mr Alwan in

1991 and 1992. Mr Allcock is alleged also to have accepted a total of £14,460 in cash as bribes between 1987 and 1992. He, Mr Alwan, aged 56, of Hans Place, Knightsbridge, and Mr Shamoon, aged 66, of Holland Park Road, West Kensington. have denied the various charges against them.

Anthony Arlidge QC appears for Mr Allcock, Stephen Zolley QC for Mr Alwan and Edmund Lawson QC for Mr Shamoon, John Black ap-



Tax inspector Michael Allcock arriving at the Old Bailey yesterday

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## loD switches debate from fat cats to hefty profits

### OUTLOOK/Lucre replaces virtue as rationale for corporate governance reforms, writes LISA BUCKINGHAM

debate has shifted. Corporate good governance will, over governance may still be time, result in outperfor-regarded as "a good thing" mance has to be taken largely per se but this is no longer

wealth rather than simply helping to protect what is al-

With the main thrust of the debate hijacked by outrages such as Cedric Brown's 75 per cent pay rise at British Gas and the shower of share options to all and sundry in other privatised utilities, the premise that good corporate governance should lead to good corporate performance has yet to be aired.

Enter the Institute of Directors, which will today make a concerted effort to wrench the focus of corporate governance away from sterile confronta-tions about non-executive policemen in the boardroom and towards the putative financial benefits.

The difficulty lies in proving the positive rather than illustrating the negative. Better corporate governance might have prevented the failure of Polly Peck. But at one stage Polly Peck was one of the best performing compa-

nies on the stock market and a corporate governance snapshot would have revealed For the time being — until the publication of studies, such as that now under way at Lancaster University Man-

HE evidence is still far effectiveness of boards and from conclusive but published accounting infor-what is clear is that the mation — the assertion that

But the proposition is gain-It must be shown to pay its ing some eminent champions, way, to create additional not least Neville Bain, chief executive of Coats Viyella, whose new book\* will form a central plank of the debate at today's IoD corporate gover-

The book sets a challenging "action plan" for the way in which boards should be designed and assessed as well as providing a coherent argument for altering the relationship between companies and their shareholding owners.

OW, Mr Bain — like Sir Ronnie Hampel, whose committee is looking at ways forward for corporate governance in Britain — is no wet-behind-the-ears idealist. His suggestions for improving company performance by creating closer relationships between institutional inves-tors and directors are not easily dismissed.

Mr Bain says that the top 50 investors own about 45 per cent — £400 billion worth of all shares. He argues that institutions should be far closer to companies in which they invest — possibly holding between 10 and 19 per cent in about 10 of the top 250 com-panies. They would maintain these stakes for five to 10 years, and in return be given a much bigger say in the apagement School, which look pointment of non-executive at the correlation between the directors and a more detailed

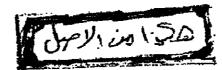
insight into companies' five year plans. The proposition would al-

most certainly need a rewrite of the Companies' Act, to create a legal difference between the duties of executives and non-executives, and share-holders with such large stakes would probably have to become "insiders" unable to deal on any price-sensitive information their newly augmented position might reveal

The weakness in Mr Bain's proposition is the unwilling ness of institutional investors to give up freedoms and the chance of profit (or a reduced loss) today for potential longer-term gains. There are already institu-tions — MAM is an example

- which take large stakes in companies, but recently this fund manager has been criticised for its powerful role in takeovers. It could also be argued that, if 50 institutions attempt to build sizeable stakes in a limited pool of compa-nies, share prices could be-come distorted in the rush to get hold of the best of the bunch. And Mr Bain's sugges tion runs contrary to the trend for the index-linking of funds, whereby institutions buy small percentages in each of the top 100 or 250 compa-

nies for weighting.
But, without a change in shareholder attitudes, im-provements in corporate gov-ernance will stall. Sir Ronnie's committee is already under pressure to roll back rather than advance the frontiers. Mr Bain is correct to divine that further advances will come only with institutional action — and that is best achieved with a convincing appeal to their pockets. \* Winning Ways Through Cor-porate Governance, by Neville Bain and David Band, Mac-



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turing borses the opportunity to run, thus assembling the best possible field. All other conditions remain unaltered, including the yearling entry and

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game play-off for the American League title to go into the said we couldn't win two in a row in Texas," said another Yankees fan. "They said we couldn't win three in a row in Baltimore. I think that this could clinch victory in St Louis tonight, but so far as World Series for the first time in 15 years. New Yorkers are concerned The Yankees will start with the World Series winners are home advantage on Saturday a foregone conclusion. team is capable of anything." The hardest fight will be to night against either the St "It's destiny: this is our year," said one supporter, a sentiment shared by thou-Louis Cardinals or the Atlanta Braves, who are still locked in battle for the get tickets for the home sands as fireworks lit the games -1, 2, 6 and 7. oles 4-1 in the best-of-seven- National League pennant. Brooklyn sky and car-horns

## Monty dubious about return with Woosnam

HE strongest World Match Play Championship for many years — it comes close to justifying its title is certain to have a European in the quarter-finals. There are only two in the field, Colin Montgomerie and Ian Woosnam, and the draw has brought them together in the first round to be played at Wentworth on Thursday.

Their match will dominate the first day of an event which billing. But with three of the four major champlonship winners in Steve Jones (US Open), Tom Lehman (Open) and Mark Brooks (US PGA), plus the leading money winners from the United States (Phil Mickelson) and Europe (Montgomerie) and a defending champion of the quality of Ernie Els, this year should be more interesting than many

Greg Norman, No.1 in the Sony rankings, and Nick Faldo, the No. 2 and Masters champion, and it would have been fascinating to see Tiger Woods in this type of competi-tion. But there are still four of the Sony top 10 and nine of the top 21, making it a worthwhile exercise.

The Montgomerie-Woos-nam clash gives both the chance to make a point. Montgomerie, who has now been European No.1 for four successive years, will seek to prove to his closest chal-lenger this season that he won worthily, and the com-bative Woosnam, a winner of this title in 1987 and 1990, will be looking for revenge. It may be that the Welsh-man, who dropped out of last

week's Dunhill Cup to rest his suspect back, will be in a bet-ter frame of mind than the Scot. In four years of almost continuous success Montgomerie can rarely have had to do it Montgomerie will this ye such a dismal week as at St have done it in 10, with by tralian Andrews as Scotland sought far the greater part made month

this time by Toyota, lacks | to defend their title. The team | in the past five seasons. captain and inspiration lost all his three matches — one controversy over the \$197,000 after taking 79 to the 78 of India's Gaurev Ghei.

Montgomerie, clearly suspicious of a draw that so fortutously brought the two Eurotough assignment for both of us. I'm sure lan won't be particularly impressed — as I'm not — but we'll both have to Norman, already accused of get on with it."

The Scot is making his fifth attempt to win the Match Play past the £5 million mark in European earnings. Only Faldo and Bernhard Langer have achieved that, but whereas they took 21 seasons

(£129,000) he demands as a tournament fee, has agreed to play in the three Australian Opens from 1997 for free. "I'm getting so much flak about it all," he said yesterday. "It's a peans together, said: "I have all," he said yesterday. "It's a tough decision but every year

not supporting the tour where he began his professional career, came under attack in title, having only once got to the final, in 1994 when he lost February when, as the princito Els. But, win or lose, he pal drawcard in a weak field will achieve a remarkable in the South Australian Open landmark at Wentworth this week. Even if he loses in the first round he will pick up c30,000, which will take him sequent defeat by Faldo at the gest hurt because I am Australian and I was playing in

Australia."
He will defend his title in this year's event at The Australian course in Sydney next

### **Badminton**

## Park plants new English hope

Richard Jago on how a South Korean legend was lured across the world to reinforce the Steve Baddeley regime

#HEN one of the | round doubles exponent greatest players the sport has ever seen uits as professor of sports cience and management in an Olympic city and moves appointment, announced across the world to work in Milton Keynes as a coach for England, one wonders whether he has a serious

Park Joo-Bong is only 31, still good enough to have added to his nine All-England, seven world and scores of other titles around the globe - and unquestionably compos mentis.

Probably the best all-

eicester with form for the Jackpot races

the Atlanta Olympics. His yesterday by the Badmin-ton Association of England, is probably the finest coup

His reasons for uprooting from his native Seoul in-clude the new era being created by Steve Baddeley, England's director of elite play who was charged with Park's is the third major

in the governing body's 100

appointment in as many Baddeley says Park, who months by the association; will start in January and in July the Danish coach continue until the Olym-Asger Madsen became the first foreigner employed full-time, shortly after Baddelev. England's most successful men's singles player since the war, took up his post after six years in Scot-land and Switzerland. Baddeley believes he can take an under-funded Eng-

land, up against the multi-million-dollar squads of the Far East, back into a respectable position among the leading nations. "English players have never had it so good," he insists. "To have secured Park will be of great bene-

fit. His level of expertise and experience, and insight

into winning major compe-

pics in 2000, can make the difference between fourth place and Olympic gold in Sydney. Moreover he sees Park's coaching as the bait that should ensure that England can draw more widely on British Olympic funding than hitherto. Park was undoubtedly influenced by the example of

his compatriot Lee Jae Bok, Britain's 1992 Olympics coach who recently ended seven successful years in Milton Keynes. Yet even Lee, an exceptional coach, could not significantly im-prove England's fortunes. Park and Baddeley have some heavy shouldering to do to turn this particular

tacularly after tagging Darryl Strawberry at second base

and throwing to first to com-

plete a double play for the Baltimore Orioles, but the

They won 6-4 in Baltimore

last night, crushing the Ori-

## **Halling gets** bookies' vote

**ENRY CECIL'S week** started on a winning note when the Newmarket trainer's only runner at Leicester yesterday, Van-ishing Trick, landed a maiden

race worth £4.662. That prize money, added to £1,661,484 won by his 200 strong team, puts him just over £20,000 behind Saeed bin Suroor in the race for the trainers' title.

No doubt there will be many other winners for both stables before the Flat season ends next month, but the issue could be settled with just one race — the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.
With £171,000 on offer for

the winner, eight runners last month. It was a remark-were declared at yesterday's able comeback and Cecil five-day stage, with Saeed's Halling and Cecil's Bosra he has trained. Sham dominating the antepost market.

Hill's have them joint favourites at 6-4. Coral's slightly favour Halling at 6-4 with Bosra Sham 13-8, while Ladbrokes have the same favourite, betting 11-8 and

The 10-furiong race is far from a "match" with the classy Irish-trained filly Timarida. a winner in five countries, bidding to follow up her Irish Champion Sakes victory at Leopardstown last month when she showed a fine turn of foot to come from last to first to beat Dance De-

The other five runners are Even Top, First Island, Glory of Dancer, Tamayaz and Wall Street — the last two being stable companions of Halling. Halling, whether making the running or held for a late run, has improved with each outing, winning five Group One races. His second win in the Eclipse at Sandown was impressive; his follow-up at York in August was brilliant.

Quickening from the front, he beat First Island by three Bosra Sham looked all set for a wonderful season when running away with the 1,000 Guineas in May, but has been plagued with foot trouble. She returned after nearly five months off the course to run Mark Of Esteem to a length and a quarter at Ascot

Halling had the workwatchers praising his talents with a sparkling piece of work last Friday, while the Cecil camp were delighted with Bosra Sham's well-being

on the Heath the following day.
Paul Kelleway thinks the bookmakers are being gener ous by offering 50-1 about his Glory of Dancer.

The Newmarket trainer who has again secured the services of leading French rider Olivier Peslier, said:

### Supplementary stage for Derby

The move has prompted a cautious reaction from bookmakers, who are concerned that it will have a detrimental effect on autepost betting for the premier

April entry as a three-year-

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SEXTRES MELODY R Boss 8-11 TOP PORM TIPS: Biver's Source 8, Attibude 7, Aarleen Pale 6 Bettlag: 2-1 Henley, 11-4 River's Source, 5-1 Fabled Light, 6-1 Aerieon Peta, 8-1 Attitude, 19-1 Cota Steel 12-1 Boater, 14-1 Blue Imperial, Doc's Ryan smi. RIVER'S SCURICE: Led over a luriong out, soon headed, one pace, 4th of 18, bit 4f, to Dacok (Saksbury 7f Gd-Sti). 2.00 HANNY BERNETTEN RACING CONDITIONS STAKES 270 7: 64,971 221 AMID ALBADU (46) (D) J Dunlop B-2 1 RAVER ISSE (17) (D) H Cock 6-2 ARABIAN M Stoute 6-10 SPORTING FELLOW M Stoute 6-10 TOP FORM TIPS: River thak 9, Skyans Piper 7 Betting: 4-6 River Usk, 4-1 Amid Albedu, 6-1 Sporting Fellow, 8-1 Reunion, Arabitan, 20-1 Skyers Flyer FORM QUIDS: - AMED ALBADU: Slowly away, headway 21 out, led final furlong, beek No. (Choster 7t, Gd-CN) REVIEW USIG: Headway over 21 out, led final furlong, beat Fartan a neck (Haydock, 7t, Gd). ELECTRONIC Switched over 11 csd, unable to challenge, last of 3, bin 29, to limits (Laicesta SKYERS PLYER Always in near, 8m of 11, bot 13l, to Blues Queen (Ayr 81 hcp, Gd-Fm). CA, MANTI BLUE (33) K McAdube 5-11

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 Blinkered today for the first time: LEICESTER: 3.00 Statistician, Straight Thinking, 3.30 Renata's Prince, 4.00 Rockusa. SEDGEFIELD: 2.45 Fly To The End, Marco

### Results •

Fecord \$100m 1.30 (7f): 1, ROBAMASET, R Prench [5-2] lay; 2, Leoky Archer [4-1]; 3, Rash Girt [11-2], 13 ran. 5, rk. (L Curnan) Tota: 22.60; CT.10, CT.30, CT.20, Dual F. CASO, CSF: CT.186. Tric: C18.20, 2.00 (1mg): 1, MYSTIC DAWN, T Quinn (13-2); 2, Carls Sottons (15-2); 3, Kazimiera (20-1); 4, Pares (7-1), 5-1 lay One-torthedisch. 19 ran. 15, nk. (8 Dow) Tota:

[27,80; C3.00, C1.90, C4.80, C2.50. Dual F: C37.30. CSF: C54.92. Tricest: C572.82. T

4.30 (1ss 2f): 1, WINDSON CASTLE, T Oulm (3-1): 2, Attantle Desire (7-4f): 3, Histor Pink (2-1): 5 ran Hd, 13, (P Cote) Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £7.80.

5.00 (77): 1, VANUSISING TRICK, Pat Eddery (3-1): 2, Aproche Star (7-4 (ay): 3, Aproche Star (3-1): 2, Section Obl. (5-1): 2, Section Obl. (5-1): 2, Section Obl. (6-1): 3, Sectio

TOP FORM TIPS: Our People S. Smalth Kent 7

Bactings 9-4 High Intrigue, 7-2 Speaksh Knot, 5-1 Deep Water, 6-1 Wysnest Na Our Propie, Zibells.

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4.16 (2m 110yds Ch): 1, AMMASSADOR ROYALE, M A Fitzperald (14-1): 2, The Lancer (12-1): 3, Lord Mitrogen (20-1). 2-1 fav Mr Pleyfull. 9 ran. 25, 15, (Mass A Broyd) Tota: C17.20: 52.20, C2.40, C4.50, Dual F: E80.50, CSF: C148.21.

E11.10. Net hat Sewin Up, Spurnance.

5.15 (Zen 6f Hole): 1, ROSIE-B, Mr R
Thornton (11-2): 2, Luke Warra (5-2); 3,
Tipping Along (16-1). 4-5 fav Hylters
Chence. B ran. 10, 21, (N Babbung) Tote:
65.20; 6200, 61.50, 123.10. Dual F: \$10.80.
CSF: 632.52 Tricast \$363.16 4.45 (2m 1f Helie): 1, RITTO, A P McCoy PLACEPOT: £910.30.

(100-30); 2, Devon Persont (14-1); 3, Shift Agels (5-1), 5-2 (sv The Proms 12 ran, f, 3, (J. Newille) Tote: 17.00; 12.20, 72.20, C2-40, Dual F: 184.20, CSF: 184.05. Trio: 1111.10, NR: All Sewn Up, Spurnande.



## Magpies in no mood for unhappy return

Michael Walker in Budapest finds Les Ferdinand eager to silence Ferencyaros' racially abusive militant tendency with goals

their miserable flight home from Sweden in the previ-ous round of the Uefa Cup. The atmosphere on the plane after the 2-1 secondleg defeat by the parttimers of Halmstad, and a performance which had the greying Kevin Keegan red

EWCASTLE's play- from the first leg had alers need no greater ready ensured Newcastle motivation to do well in Budapest today than the memory of removaros, the mood was, according to one player, almost as bad as after the crushing defeat by Man-chester United in the Charity Shield.

At least Keegan has since cheered up, and after New-castle's arrival by the sunny banks of the Danube yesterday afternoon he jok-ingly replied, "What's ground because of the that?" to a question about racial abuse their black racial abuse, rather Les

Newcastle's possible defen sive strategy tonight. However, the chances of Ferencearos's Ulloi ut sta-

dium being equally benign seem small. Their fans have a reputation akin to Millwall's F troop of the Seven ties. The club were recently fined £53,000 after an out break of violence during the first round with Olympiakos of Greece, and last players had endured in the Ferdinand, the one black Hungarian capital. Ferencyaros were the

only club in Budapest not linked to the communist party — Honved were the army side, Ujpest Dosza the police team — and skinhead racists feature prominently at the Ulloi. The imperturbable Peter

Beardsley said: "How will we know what they are shouting anyway? We handled Roker Park this season when we didn't have a single supporter in the sta-dium; if we can handle that we can handle anything." However, it is not Beards-

and Dennis Bailey got was unbelievable," said Ferdi-nand. "I don't know much about Ferencyaros; I've heard it is an intimidating atmosphere, but I've had all that before and it makes

start. The

Having not done that in his last two games, Ferdi-Newcastle player sure to ready; and although Keegan stressed the need for "a sen-Hislop and Faustino As-prilla, will probably be on the bench, although that might make them more vul-nerable, as Ferdinand says he still wants goals. that his worst experience of

racism in England came but they moved into second when he was in the dug-out place in their league at the weekend with a 1-0 victory over Vasas

Arthur Cox, one of Kee gan's coaching staff, saw that game and, along with the manager, who has seen videos of Ferencyaros's previous European games, seems confident that Newcastle will enjoy their flight

Ferencearos are the last Hungarian team in Europe,

misconduct.

'Sacking threat'

**FA quick** to charge Bosnich

time in charging Aston Villa's goal-keeper Mark Bosnich with misconduct after his Nazi salute to Tottenham supporters at White Hart Lane on

Saturday.

The Australian may also face a criminal charge, with police continuing investigaions into the second-half incident which incensed Tottenham fans, many of whom are

After announcing the FA charge yesterday, a Lancaster Gate spokesman said: "We understand [the police] invesigation into an alleged public order offence will continue. When it is completed, a report will be sent to the Crown Prosecution Service."

Earlier yesterday Bosnich issued a 400-word open letter apologising for his gesture and outting his side of the case, which he largely repeated on Sky Sports after being charged. The salute came after Spurs fans baited him because of his clash at Villa Park two seasons ago with Jürgen Klinsmann which left the Ger-FA hearing will be held "in the near future".

Arsenal's striker lan Wright has also been charged with misconduct by the FA, after remarks about Sheffield Wednesday's manager David

Wright was reported to have called Pleat a "pervert" in the aftermath of the day game at Highbury last month. It was his response to Pleat's claim that the player had escaped unpunished after two incidents in that game, which Arsenal won 4–2.

The Arsenal player subse-quently apologised, but the League Managers' Association pressed for the FA to act over the slur on one of its

Two managers, Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson and Southampton's Graeme Souness, have been fined by the FA after being found guilty of

ute cooling-off period before approaching match officials at the end of matches.

severely censured and warned as to his future conduct after remarks he made to Michael Riley of Leeds, in his first season as a Premier League referee, after the match at Nottingham Forest on August 24. He was also ordered to give a written under taking not to become simi-larly involved with match officials in future.

Souness was fined £750 and warned as to his future conduct after comments to the same referee after the Leices-ter v Southampton game on

Chesterfield's Chris Perkins has been cleared of a redcard offence during the 2-1 defeat at Millwall on Saturday. The referee Mike Pierce sent the midfielder off for deliberate handball but change incident on video.

In the first case of trial by television permitted by the Scottish FA, Falkirk's captain Albert Craig received an additional two match ban. A flare-up between Craig and Gareth Evans of Partick Thistle in August was so closely captured on tape that a linesman, Steven Kaney, changed his

Kaney had claimed Craig kicked Evans during a fracas in the players' tunnel after both were sent off. Craig ad-mitted lifting his hands but denied kicking. After the tape had been viewed six times, in-cluding in slow motion, Kaney was asked if he would reconsider his evidence. He admitted he was wrong, and Craig was given the comparatively light sentence of a two-match ban.

However, as Craig had effectively been sent off twice on the same day and had incurred a five-match suspension under the totting-up system, his actions will cost him seven games overall.

Burns has been fined £3,000 after his altercation with the referee Stewart Dougal after The punishments follow the the match with Kilmarnock FA's endorsement of a plea by last April.

## by two more injuries

Patrick Glenn

ANGERS' prospects of retrieving their desperate Champions League situation in Amsterdam tomorrow were reduced almost to zero

vesterday. Injuries have made the goalkeeper Andy Goram and midfielder Stuart McCall serious doubts for the match against Ajax, after the weekend damage to the strikers Peter van Vossen and Bo Andersen which will almost cer-tainly leave Rangers without

a recognised finisher. Goram suffered a hip injury in the 2-1 defeat by Hibernian on Saturday, a game McCall missed because of hamstring trouble. Van Vossen was taken off after six minutes and has little chance of play ing in the Amsterdam Arena. Andersen is definitely out. Rangers' Dutch goalkeeper Theo Snelders stands by for

Aberdeen may have to be less cavalier than usual when they take on Brondby, formidable Danish opponents, in their Uefa Cup second-round opener at Pittodrie tonight.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:
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Honduras 4, St Vincent 1.
PA CUP: Pourth-round Qualifying
Draws Wilson Alb v Kidderminster; Galeshead v Consett Saleybridge Colic v Leek
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Colwyn Bay v Runeation Bor, Whitby 1n v
Blyth Spartans; Leigh Filld v Huncorn; Borrow v Altrincham: Spennymoor Utd v
Southport; Lancester C v Marceambe;
Shepshed Dyn v Bromsgrove Rvrs.
Marthyr Tydfil v Yacodi Tn; Highm Tn v
Wisboeth Tn; Hastings Tn v Hendon, Bath C
v Chettertham Tn: Bromley or St Leonards
Stamcroft v Sutton Utd; Staines Tn v Wolling Utd: Witney Tn v St Albans C; Rushden
8 Diamonds v Bognor Regla Tn; Ashford
Tn v Kingstonlan; Boreham Wood v Thatcham Tn: Hayes v Slough Tn; Gravesand &
Noritificet v Stevenage Bor; Cingeriord Tn
v Famborough Tn: Canwey is v Sudbary
Tn: Newport loW v Dagenham 8 Redbridge to be played on Saturday, October
25; 3.0). Brondby boast nine inter-nationals in their regular line-up, specifically eight Danes and one Norwegian, the defender Dan Eggan. Lars Olsen, who captained Den-mark in Euro 96, is unable to command a place.
With Vilfort and the former

Arsenal player Jensen in midfield and the prolific Moller in attack, Brondby have a dangerous look. Moller scored the goal at Anfield that elimi-nated Liverpool from last season's Uefa Cup. Yet Roy Aitken, the Aber-

deen manager, is more likely to have lost sleep because of the stomach upset which kept him off work yesterday than any dread of Brondby. He is not easily intimidated by reputations or records.
"Most of our strength is in

G hamisevic (Crosta) bit A Volnes (Rom)
7-6, 6-4,
ATP TOULOUSE GRAND PRING First
resent: F DeWistr (Bel) bit Alvarez (So)
3-6, 6-4, 6-3; H Arasi (Mor) bit Alvarez (So)
3-6, 6-4, 6-3; H Arasi (Mor) bit J Burliko
(Sp) 6-3, 6-4; M Weedforde (Aus) bit Y El
Aynaoui (Mor) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; M Larsson
(Swe) bit T Champion (Fr) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3,
WOSSENTS EUROPEAN BIDDORG CHAMPPIONSHIP (Zurich): First resents B
Schaltz-MicCarthy (Noth) bit P Segerov
(Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Missones (Bul) bit M
Orangru (Noth) 6-3, 7-6, 8-Appelances
(Bel) bit M Werdel-Witmeyer (US) 1-6, 7-5,
6-3, 1 Spirites (Rom) bit S Kleinova (Cz)
5-3, 7-6, 5 Farkan (ft) bit P Schnyder
(Switz) 7-5, 4-6, 6-7. attack, it's true," said Aitken.
"We've scored seven goals away in Europe this season."
But he admitted: "With teams like Brondby you have to defend well, even at home, because they are so good on the

Aitken changes his usual central defence because Tony Kombouare, signed from Sion of Switzerland, is ineligible. John Inglis comes in alongside Brian Irvine. Dean Windass returns after domestic suspension to help Billy Dodds in the front line; they have scored 25 goals between them this season.

Rangers hit | Filippo Ricci offers some advice to Old Trafford's travelling army in Turkey tomorrow night. Having visited Istanbul's main clubs he feels that, unlike Galatasaray, Fenerbahce offer their visitors more sound than fury

## Another walk on the wild side for United

URKEY, as Manchester United fans and players will know, is not the most hospitable place for foreign teams and supporters. Yet whereas Galatasaray's fiery reputation is well deserved, the followers of Fenerbahce, for all their passion, seem above hooliganism...

Their stadium is in the district of Kadikoy on the Asian side of Istanbul, whereas the Turkish capital's other big clubs, Galatasaray and Besiktas, lie on the European side of the Bosphorus.

Results

Baseball

Cricket

Series 3-1). MAJOR LEAGUE: American Leag 2-14mars 4 New York

TOUR MATCH (Sahiwal). Zimbabwe 507-7 dec (D Houghton 105, A Flower 100no) and 203-8 dec (G Flower 75, C Wi-shari 69no). Palistan Board XI 238-8 dec (Azam Khan 70; Rennia 3-15) and 238-9 (Mohammad Hussaln 58no). Match drawn

Fenerbahce are the Man-chester United of Turkey. They claim a following of 20 million supporters, even though Galatasaray have enjoyed far more success and Besiktas are a much older club. Ground capacity is less than half Old Trafford's at 26,200, and for the game

against Juventus. Fenerbahce's second in the Cham pions League — they had been held 2-2 by Rapid Vi-enna in the opener — their stadium was full four hours before the kick-off.

D. I Novikov (Aus) & M Brodsky (Uhr) & A
Baburn (Ire) 1. K Arkell 0: J Hodgson 1. I
Kourkounaks (Cer) 0. J Markov (Rus) 0. M
Hebden 1: H Hunt & J Hector (Swe) &
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Nodgson, B Kristensen (Den). Novikov 6.
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Engl 1. J Polgar (Hun) 0: J Piket (Netn) &
P Svidler (Rus) & P Leko (Hun) & B Gelland (Bela) & Z Almasi (Hun) 0. L van Wely
1. J Lautier (Fr) & A Shirov (Sp) & Bound
Four-Polgar 0. Leto 1: Piket & Adams
& Galfand & Almasi & Van Wely & Lautier &
Shirov & Sutorsky & Svidler &
Leaders: Shirov 3. Van Wely, Gelfand 2X
Almasi 2.
Amasi 2.

American Football

NFL: Allante 13, Houston 23: Buffalo 7, Miami 21: Caroline 45, St Louis 13; Dalles 17, Artone 3, Jacksonville 21, NY Jels 17; New Orleans 27, Chicago 24, New England 22, Washington 27; Pitisburgh 20, Cingionali 10: Tampa Bey 24, Minnescota 13: NY

[3-4-137-136]. Western Divisions 1, Denver (5-1-144-93).2, Kansas City (4-2-117-92); 3, San Diago (4-2-145-144). National Conference: Eastern Divisions (Manilipon (5-1-130-73), 2, Philadelphia (4-2-125-121); 3, Dallas (3-3-104-73), Central Divisions 1, Green Bay (5-1-204-72), 2, Minnesota (5-2-127-118); 3, Detroit (4-3-162-124). Western Divisions 1, San Francisco (4-1-135-62); 2, Carolina (4-2-145-64); 3, New Orleans (2-5-114-161).

Hockey

**Ice Hockey** 

FUROPEAN CUP: Qu Cr Shoffield 4. Steams E 12. CAI Higlo Jaca 8.

SUPPEM EAGUE: Bracknell 6. Ayr 3; Car-diff 2. Manchester 3 FRIEMIER LEAGUE: Guidford 6, Tellord 7; Kingston 2. Swindon 6: Medway 2. Slough 5; Peterborough 3. Solihuli 8. NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE, Black-burn 2. File 4; MurrayHed 5. Dumfine 8: Whetey 8. Palsiey 3. MHL Philadelchia 0. Calcan 1: Chesses 2.

party, especially when Fener bahce's latest anthem, a sort of Turkish house-Macarena number written to celebrate last season's championship triumph, pumps out and everyone gets up to dance. This is the signal for the

grand entrance of Ali Sen, the club's larger-than-life presian extremely wealthy busi-nessman and nobody quite pumping the fans up even

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Motor Sport

The deafening sound system makes you think you have stumbled into a rave dares to ask where his money more. He will doubtless do the same tomorrow night.

Fenerbahce won the league of the same tomorrow night.

at Grimsby during his QPR

days.
"The abuse Devon White

in his first year in charge and he is customarily greeted by a resounding chant of "Ali Sen baskan, Fenerbahce Sampiyon" — Ali Sen's the boss, the Fenerbahce champion.

Just in case some fans had trouble keeping up, Sen had this slogan writ large on the video screens before the Judent. More Bernard Tapie ventus game as he strode than Silvio Berlusconi, he is around the pitch with a

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TOUR MATCH: New Zeeland XIII v Gra Britain (8.0am, Wellington).

coach Marcello Lippi, who went to great lengths to praise Fenerbahce before the

to take the edge off the atmo-

sphere just a little, he might take a tip from the Juventus

match. Local journalists beamed with pride, and were as proud of their team after the 1-0 defeat as if they had held Juventus to a draw. Of course, they may expect a little more against Manchester United.

### Neal can watch City before court hearing

PHIL NEAL Manchester City's assistant manager, will be able to watch his new team at Reading tonight but a High Court hearing has been arranged for Friday because Cardiff are demanding compensation for the loss of their manager. Neal resigned to join Steve Coppell at Maine

The Nottingham Forest chairman Fred Reacher has reacted cautiously to weekend reports that a multi-millionaire businessman WEISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Second Divisions Abertillery v Blackwood (7.0): Bonymeen v Liandovery (7 0): Cross Keys v Abercynon (7.0): Pontypool v Ystradgynlas (7.0): S Wales Polica v Abercyon (7.0): S Wales Polica v Abercyon (7.0): UWIC (Cardill Inst) v Maeslang (7.0). CLUSS Oxford Univ v Bath (7.15). SRU U-21 INTER DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP NB & Mid Scattland U v Glassow Dist (Murrayfield): Scottleh Eules v Edinhurch (1.0). It is in the contraction of t has made a £30 million offer for the debt-ridden Premiership club.

Grant Bovey, a Forest supporter who made his fortune from videos, is understood to have spoken to Reacher. But he is one of several parties interested in taking over Forest.
"We are still in the proess of considering all the

alternatives that are available." said Reacher. "We have not yet started detailed investigations of any of the proposals that have been put to us.

"It is our intention to get as much detailed informa-tion together as possible to put before the annual shareholders' meeting on October 31."

The Derby striker Marco Gabbiadini, a £1 million signing from Crystal Palace five years ago, has joined Birmingham on loan.

● If Sheffleld's Nesseem Harried is at his best in his next World Bording Organisation teatherweight table destance against Ramigio Molina of Argentina in Manchesier on Novamber 9 he is likely to sectur a sucrative showdown with the IBF champlon Torn Johnson of the United Stales. Harned's promoter Frank Warren said yessenday that negotations with his American counterpart Don King had resulted in a clash between two of the sport's best pound-farpound lighters being pencilled in for next February. Alan Mullery, the former Pulham. Tottenham and England right-half who left the game in 1987, has been appointed director of foot-

## over strike poll Martin Thorpe LUBS have been trying

to intimidate players to vote against a strike in the players' union ballot, claims the Professional Footballers' Association chief executive Gordon Taylor ahead of this weekend's result.

The feud over the union's slice of new television income is turning increasingly bitter as an overwhelming majority of players is expected to en-dorse the game's first strike, prompting the Football League to contemplate legal action.

If the strike goes ahead it is due to halt its first game on November 3. But behind the scenes some club chairmen have been trying to browbeat

players, says Taylor.
"Players have been intimidated by chairmen with regard to threatened sackings and fines. It has been throughout the three divisions of the Football League. It is clearly intimidatory and unlawful and not in line with the current trade union and labour relations act.

"I know who they are but I don't think it will help matters if I reveal it publicly. It is something we've noted and we have had to give assurances to the players on that. If they were sacked or fined we would support them, obvi-ously, and they are reassured by that. This is an attempt by clubs to alter the players' views about whether they strike. Whether it will do that remains to be seen." The Football League denied | matter of principle.

any knowledge of such tac-tics. "I am not aware of any of that," said its spokesman Chris Hull, "though I am sure some clubs will be putting over their point of view."
With even the League ex-

pecting the ballot, which ends tomorrow, to give the green light for a strike, the dispute is turning nasty. There is already a feeling within the League that a strike would leave its relations with the union irreparable, though Taylor places the blame for that on the League.

The League is also considering legal action to try to stop the strike. "We are discussing the situation with our lawyers and leading counsel," said Hull.

Taylor responded: "We feel we are on solid ground as a trade union for footballers, otherwise we wouldn't be tak-

ing the action we are."

If the ballot endorses a strike, league club chairmen will need seven days' notice, so the strike would come into effect by November 1. All televised matches, live and recorded, would be affected as players withdrew their services when cameras were present. The first match due to be hit is Sky's live coverage of Grimsby v Sheffield

United. The dispute centres on the Football League's decision to end arbitrarily a 30-year agreement that the union receives 10 per cent of income from television; it argues that the amount is now too large and the clubs need it more. The union is fighting on a

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ASON FAYERS, the

Edinburgh Academicals prop forward, was yesterday banned for four years by the Scottish

Rugby Union for allegedly breaking an opponent's jaw with a punch during the Ten-

Jedburgh has called for a report on the incident, which resulted in Kelso's forward Craig Halliday being taken to

hospital in Edinburgh for sur-

The referee took no action

against Fayers but excerpts

from the match were shown

on Border Television and video footage was used as supporting evidence after

the player was cited by

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drums, with Mike Golding's

nents League Second Division Fayers, who was also disci-plined last season after being match against Kelso last plined last season after being sent off, is not the heaviest that the Scottish RU has imposed this year. Last season Billy Blyth from the junior club Murrayfield was suspended for five years for allegedly striking an opponent, who likewise needed month.

Fayers, who joined Academicals from their Edinburgh rivals Watsonians two years ago and recently qualified as a veterinary surgeon, may also face criminal proceedings. Lothian and Borders police are investigating and the Procurator Fiscal at Jedburgh has called for a

hooker Bryan Cassie was sent off for alleged stamping, and yesterday he was banned for

one year. Kelso's coaching director Charlie Stewart said Cassie's absence would be

"a buge blow" but added:
"We've got to accept the

decision and just get on with The suspension imposed on

surgery.

Kelso officials declined to comment on Fayers's ban, as did their counterparts at Aca-demicals, although the Edin-burgh club issued a statement condemning foul play in general terms.

gery and having two metal plates inserted in his jaw; a motor mechanic, he is still off The Scottish RU, which took legal advice before releasing details of the ban, also emphasised its commitment to eradicating foul play. In a statement it said: "The sentences reflect both the nature of the offences and the SRU's determination to send the clearest of signals that Kelso.

In the same game Kelso's foul play has no place in rugby union."

## Two officials quit in Pienaar row

Robert Armstrong

OUTH AFRICA's shock decision to drop Fran-cois Pienaar from their 36-man squad for the forthcoming tour to Argentina, France and Wales has been followed by the sudden resignation of a Springbok selector, Ray Mordt, and a member of Sarfu's governing body, Keith Parkinson.

Mordt, who is also coach of Pienaar's provincial Transvaal side, admitted yesterday that he was unhappy about the omission of the man who led the South Africans to a World Cup triumph in Johan-

It was unclear if Mordt's resignation was intended as a direct gesture of solidarity with Pienaar, who is back playing for Transvaal after jury. Mordt was a member of the selection panel that included the Springboks' coach Andre Markgraaff, the prime

mover behind the sacking. tive after describing the squad's announcement as "another public relations di-saster". He said: "I now have extreme difficulty in accepting and condoning the new

face of South African rugby." Mordt was hardly so blunt, however, saying: "I am fin-ished as a selector and I feel I must concentrate on Transvaal. I don't think it's ethical for me to comment." He will prepare the provincial side for Saturday's Currie Cup for Saturday's Currie Cup semi-final against Northern Transvaal at Loftus Versfeld

Pienaar has been replaced as national captain by the No. 8 Gary Teichmann, who led South Africa to their first home series defeat by New Zealand last summer. Pien-

rugby circles may come been a recruiting agent for the Packer-funded World

Rugby Championship body. Markgraaff — who said that Pienaar had "no place in my vision of the future for South African rugby" — is president of the Griqualand West Union, which supplies a total of eight players to the Springboks and Junior Springboks

Pienaar said: "I'm terribly disappointed. It's a pity I'm out, but it's what I do with my life from here on that will make me a better person.". After 20 hours of talks the His resignation letter was four-man negotiating teams of the RFU and the English kinson, the Natal Union's head, who quit Sarfu's execubreath yesterday with nothing settled about money or control. "After three days of intensive talks both parties have agreed to an interval prior to meeting again to resume discussions," sighed



Theo Oosthuizen, a little- Pienaar . . . dropped captain

Steve Redgrave, the four times Olympic champion, said yesterday that he will make a decision on his future before Christmas. But after he and his partner Matthew Pinsent had handed the boat in which they won in Atlanta to the new River and Rowing Museum in Henley, he added "I think Matt and I have made up our minds not to compete as a pair again."

Sport in brief

### Tennis

Tim Henman, the British No. 1, beat Nicklas Kulti of Sweden 7-6, 6-4 in the first round of the Czech indoor tournament in Ostrava yesterday and will meet Greg Rusedski in the second round if the Beijing Open champion beats the Swiss qualifier George Bastl tomorrow.

### **Motor Sport**

The world champion Tommi Makinen escaped unburt but went out of the event when he rolled his Mitsubishi 500 yards into the first stage of the San Remo rally yesterday.

The leaders of the BT Global Challenge are into the Dol-

Group 4, furthest to the west. holding a lead of 48 miles over Simon Walker's Toshiba Wave Warrior heading for Rio de Janeiro, writes Bob Fisher, Group 4 averaged 3.2 knots for six hours compared with Toshiba's 1.7 knots.

## Squash

New Zealand's Susie Simcock has become the first woman president of the world

Andrew Ledger, a 27-year-old civil servant from Bedford, achieved grandmaster status in the Isle of Man Open at the weekend despite losing his final-round match, writes Leonard Barden.

### Rugby Union

Two clubs who have been losing finalists received home ties in the draw for the third round of the Pilkington Cup yester day. London Welsh, losers in 1985, are at home to Reading,

1965, are at home to Reading, and Rosslyn Park (1975 and 1976) entertain Havant.

DRAW: Seath: Esher v Brackneil; Swanage and Warsham v Lydney; Westonsuper-Maré v Bishop's Storiford London Welsh v Reading: Essier v Barnstaple; Cheltanham v Henley; Newbury v Cliffor; Rosslyn Park v Havant. Mertin Liverpool §1. Helens v Walsell; Preaton Grasshoppers v Fylde; Widnes v Herrogate; Bridlington v Wigner, Moriey v Wharfadaie; Leeds v Redruth (Redruth inserted in this section to correct imbalance of qualifiers). Metches in be played November 2.

### from Griqualand West, one of the weaker provinces.

A reaction against Mark-graaff in political as well as Pienaar has become a symbol of the new South Africa's fragile unity, his No. 6 shirt worn proudly by President Mandela at the World Cup final, though his reputation dipped a little afterwards when it emerged that he had

touring parties.

Speaking of his sacking,

best car to a team that scored just one point this season and was miles off the pace. He is going to have to show what he Brundle, like the rest of the Formula One paddock, appreciates that the leap made this

to the one he won it in.

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the new world cham-

pion savoured a lucrative

"It is going to be interesting

for him and for the rest of us

into fifth place as Hill won at

Suzuka. "It will be fascinat-ing because for the first time

in years we will have the champion defending his title

in a car that is vastly inferior

"Damon has gone from the

rows team.

like the drop Hill will be making when he starts the 1997 season in Melbourne next March.

Beginning of the end . . . Hill at Suzuka flanked by Williams mechanics sporting their trademark Damon-stripes

Hill and life in the slow lane

S THE champagne At least the 36-year-old Briton can now take a break to think about how he will apered up in Japan and proach his new \$4.5 million drive. "I have told him that I future as the man with No. 1 don't want to see him for a month," said Tom Walkinon his car, it fell to Martin Brundle to frame the question that will preoccupy British fans over the winter as Hill links up with the TWR Arshaw, the Arrows team owner. "Then we can get down to work for next year."

In fact, as the new Yamahaengined Arrows is not sched uled for completion until midto see how fast the world champion really is," said Brundle, who took his Jordan January, Hill will not be in top gear for months yet. But Walkinshaw will be keen for his lead driver to test the Japanese Bridgestone tyres that Arrows will use for the first time next season, so Hill may soon be seeing the inside of one of this year's team cars. Probably not as soon as Heinz-Harald Frentzen, though. Hill's successor in the Williams-Renault team, who was sixth on Sunday in a

Sauber-Ford, is due at Estoril next week to have his first test run for his new team. New drivers are as much a season by Michael Schumanagers and owners right now. For instance Eddie Jormacher when the twice world dan, thwarted in his efforts to \$7 million (£4.5 million) in coverage switches to ITV as sign up Hill, is courting the associated sponsorship to part of a £60 million deal. ton to Ferrari was nothing

former Lotus F1 driver and help with the team's budget.
IndyCar revelation Alessan- Elsewhere in the paddock, IndyCar revelation Alessan dro Zanardi to partner Ralf Schumacher next season. The highly rated Italian al-

TIME FOR NEW WORLD CHAMPION TO SURVEY THE TESTS AHEAD

ready has a contract with the Chip Ganassi Racing team for 1997, and a negotiated release will not come cheap for the Silverstone-based team. At least Zanardi's American deal is believed to include a buyrealistic F1 offer

dan said: "There were a num-ber of reasons which prevented us from concluding a deal with Damon. We were not in a position to guarantee some of the things he wanted. "When we signed Raif I think things became a little more difficult for Damon. But would have liked to have

seen him in the team from a personal viewpoint. He would have contributed a lot." Meanwhile, the Brazilian driver Rubens Barrichello is set to leave Jordan and join Jackie Stewart's new Fordsupported F1 team. Formal details of the Brazilian's change of camp are expected this week, but Barrichello's move could bring in around

the Italian Giancarlo Fisichella is also looking for a F1 drive after impressing the Benetton team with his speed and flair in a recent test ses-At the other end of the spec

trum, the Williams team took a trip down memory lane last week when the 42-year-old Riccardo Patrese tried his hand in a current FW18 at Silfor Williams in 1988-92 lapped in 1min 28.0sec, good enough for a place in the leading bunch on the grid at last July's British Grand Prix. As Damon Hill showed, older is

not necessarily slower.

• Andrew Culf adds: Sunday's race, the last grand prix to be covered by the BBC, attracted a peak audience of 1.6 million for its 5am live telecast, with the two hours averaging 1.3 million. "It shows British people were really supporting their world champion by getting out of bed at that time of the morning."

said a BBC spokesman The 8am repeat was watched by about 3 million, according to unofficial overnight figures. Next season, F1

## Damon, get your tuxedo pressed.

Frank Keating foresees only one winner in 1996's British Sportsman of the Year polls

should start practising his after-dinner ad-libs now, because before very long he will be offering thanks for the main award at a plethora of Sportsman of the Year matazz on which his sport thrives and it is hughy that is

eremonies. This is the time when every third letter in the post contains an offer to nominate the best of the year, a invitation from every conceivable sports body to tick a box; and Hill

should clean up.

An autumn achievement as mphatic as his in Japan is fresh in public minds and is perfectly timed to win an annual award. Yet Sunday was no flash in Japan, that's

This was a richly deserved victory for a thoroughly decent, steady, chivalrous

### **WHO WAS** THE BEST?

DAMON HILL World champion in 1996 Overall Record: 67 starts. 21 wins, 20 pole positions **Total Points: 326** NIGEL MANSELL (world champion in 1992) Record: 187 starts, 31 wins,

32 poles. Points: 482.

JAMES HUNT (1976) Record: 92 starts, 10 wins, 14 poles. Points: 179. JACKIE STEWART (1969,

Record: 99 starts, 27 wins 17 poles. Points: 360. GRAHAM HILL (1962, Record: 176 starts, 14 wins, JIM CLARK (1963, 1965) Record: 72 starts, 25 wins

33 poles. Points: 274. JOHN SURTEES (1964) Record: 111 starts, 6 wins, 8 MIKE HAWTHORN (1958) Record: 45 starts, 3 wins, 4 poles. Points: 127.

tious hard work down the years was the quality which allowed him, always with a resigned and polite dignity, to On the subject of his failure | verstone. Patrese, who drove | face down some unrelenting |

> It will make for a busy Christmas of acclaim and cup-winning. At a stroke the presumed favourites and hallengers for 1996's annual prizes have been elbowed off the podium. Steven Redgrave might have skewered his everlasting fame to the hon-ours board with his fourth consecutive Olympic gold medal, and we should not for-get his colleague Matthew Pinsent, nor the midsummer phenomenon from the strawberry fields, young Tim Hen-man; but one fancies Hill will be pinned highest on this

year's Christmas tree. So now good Roger Black cannot even come a gallant second again. When the annual awards are doled out, Black and the young Olympic

E WOULD be the first | sailor Ben Ainslie will be way to admit that his father Graham was a far wittier public speaker, but Damon Hill bronze in 1996 at trampolin-

> matazz on which his sport thrives, and it is lucky that it could not have happened to a nicer fellow.

As the plaudits flowed on Sunday — and how much more muted would they have been if Hill's car, through no fault of his, had punctured the appreciation by Murray Walker was particularly

resonant.
"Damon is a lovely man, a much unappreciated and mis-understood man," said the veteran motor racing broad caster. "He is an incompara bly better driver than people give him credit for, and he has never considered himself superstar and he never

It was a polgnant day, too, for Walker. This was his final shout for BBC TV. Next sea-son he will change his starting grid to a commercial channel, ITV. That is somehow an apt move for the London advertising whizz-kid of the 1950s and 60s who, when encouraged, can still reel off a litany of national accounts he got off the ground: Pal, Lassie, Chappie, Kit-E-Kat, Trill, Treets, Mars Bar, Milky Way, Galaxy and

Bounty Bars . . Walker, like Hill, was the son of a famous father. Mur-ray Walker Snr became the world's first motorcycle racer to average 80mph when he won the Ulster Grand Prix in 1928. That same year he gave the five-year-old Murray a new Ariel Colt to ride in the garden, and the latter has been steeped in the fumes of motor sport ever since.

Graham Hill gave his son his first motorbike for passing the 11-plus, and took him to see the American stunt rider Evel Knievel at Wembley the following year. By then Graham had retired from racing and was relishing catching up with his family. On that foggy night in 1975 when Graham's light plane crashed on to a Hertfordshire golf course, the 15-year-old Damon was watching the late television news and feared the worst. "They didn't men-

tion names but I instinctively knew it was Dad.' The day after Graham's funeral, his widow Bette said: "Almost the saddest thing of all is that Damon and Graham had just become as one. endlessly discussing cars, their bikes, the plane and shooting as though he was a younger brother.

"We will leave photographs of Graham all over the house," she added, "so when-ever things are a bit tough we am I doing so far?" and feel him smile back and say, 'Hey, not bad at all."

No question about it, the boy's done mighty well this

## American Football

### Irvin inspires Cowboys on return after drugs bust

Mark Tran in New York

HE Dallas Cowboys her HE Dallas Cowboys her-alded the return of their star receiver Michael Irvin after a five-game ban with a trumpet salute at Texas Sta-dium before the game with the Arizona Cardinals.

The flamboyant Irvin had been suspended after pleading guilty to cocaine possession, for which he received four years probation and a \$10,000 fine (£6,450). It arose from an incident in keeping with the Cowboys' reputation as party animals when police found him in a motel room with two topless dancers, a former team-mate and large quanti-ties of cocaine and marijuana. But on Sunday Irvin resplendent in royal-purple suit, gold and green Paisley vest and a gold and diamond

ance in the Cowboys' lockerroom since the Super Bowl It provided an immediate boost to morale, drawing an excited response from Nate Newton, the Cowboys' offensive guard, who said: 'The second I saw him come in here looking and acting like that, ooh baby, all I could think was, 'All right now, we're back in the flow."

On the field, however, his

comeback proved rather less

colourful. He made five

medallion, was his usual strut-ting self on his first appear-

Chris Boniol's 23-yard field goal to give Dallas a 3-0 halftime lead — and failed to score a touchdown.

If Irvin had a quiet game, **Emmitt Smith was certainly** back in the flow after being hampered by injuries since the beginning of the season. An extra week off seemed to do the trick as he rushed for a season-high 112 yards and scored two touchdowns, tak-

ing his career tally to 101. After all the razzmatazz for Irvin, the game was almost an anticlimax as the Cowboys went on to win 17-3 for their 12th successive victory against the Cardinals.

The Cardinals had won their last two games but now their quarterback Kent Graham was smothered by the Dallas pass rush and sacked by Tony Tolbert twice on big plays. "We played like we had the No. 1 defence in the NFL," said the Cowboys' coach Barry Switzer.

Despite their worst start in

years — they have a 3-3 re-

cord — the Cowboys are now

third in the NFC East behind the Philadelphia Eagles and the Washington Redskins. The Redskins beat the New England Patriots 27-22 for their fifth win in a row. Gus Frerotte, now the regular quarterback, provided the ammunition for touchdowns on | zanne Horner, Gloucester's their first two plays in the second half, having previously catches for 51 yards — al- produced only three touch-though-two of them did set up down passes this season.

### **Ice Hockey**

## awless storms Cardiff anniversary

Vic Batchelder

DECADE and a day after John Lawless intro-duced the Cardiff Devils to British fans, the Canadian returned to spoil the club's anniversary weekend when his latest infant prodigy,

build a side worthy of Man-chester's 16,500-seat Nynex British League First Div-ision champions last March.

Storm were among the eight founding members of this sea-Manchester Storm, gained son's Superleague, but until their first Superleague victory in a 3-2 upset on Sunday.

After guiding Cardiff from In the quarter-finals, they lost had led out the Devils at November 15-17.

Squash

## Injury-hit England show depth

en McKenzie in Kuala Lumpur

DESPITE a plague of injuries England scored a convincing win over Egypt as they began their campaign to regain the Perrier women's world championship at Petaling Jaya yesterday.

Though Cassie Jackman, the individual championship runner-up, was rested and both Sue Wright and Jane Martin injured, England enjoyed a 3-0 victory in the first qualifying round through Su-Fiona Geaves and Kent's Linda Charman. Only one Liz Irving dropped a game game was dropped, by the new cap Charman to Maha Zein.

"We are not the squad we expected to be," said the man-ager Alex Cowie, "but we're a

cause of a trapped nerve in her back which caused sciatica] was a blow but at pre we have four players all in working order." The defending champions Australia had a comfortable 3–0 victory over Germany but they are not without prob-lems. Michelle Martin, the former world champion surprisingly beaten in the quar-

ter-finals of the individual

event, had a tentative start against Sabine Schoene, and

Liz Irving dropped a game

level ahead of most of the

field. Sue's withdrawal [be-

birth to a British grand slam | two European League games | Oxford. "I was focused on try-and European Cup semi-final, and gained only one point ing to get our first win, and Lawless left 16 months ago to from their first two Super-on boy it was great." league matches.

But on Sunday, Lawless said yesterday, "I knew we had a chance. It was their

[Cardiff's] third game in four nights and we are improving".

He claimed he was unaware

Sheffield Steelers' reward for winning all three European Cup quarter-final games at the weekend is a trip to Finland for semi-finals in which they will face the Nor-wegian champions Storha-

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### THE NORTH-EASTERN DERBY



Playing to feet . . . Fabrizio Ravanelli on the ball on the night he became the leading scorer in English football this season with 11 goals

Premiership: Sunderland 2, Middlesbrough 2

## Ord off but Russell earns point

George Caulkin

HE Wear and Tees derby might have been restyled the tat as Sunderland twice pegged back Boro in muscu-lar fashion despite having their key defender Richard Ord sent off for violent conduct after 58 minutes.

Boro's goals were taken in emphatic style by two mem-

bers of their international his midfield with five players brigade, Emerson and Ravanelli, while Peter Reid's more brough's talented internafrom the spot, and Craig ure up-front.

Ord, whose task was to contain the prolific Italian, was having his first game back from suspension since being sent off in last month's 1-0 defeat by Derby.

Reid's game-plan was apparent from the start, packing

by equalisers from Alex Rae. Paul Stewart as a lonely fig-

matism that was ironically exposed by one of the Brazilnine minutes when his crunching challenge forced the unfortunate Steve Agnew to be replaced by the more attack-minded Craig Russell. clearly affected by the lengthy stoppage for Agnew to be car-

Not that Sunderland could | ried from the field and the | from adding a second goal to have been accused of negativity. With the famous old ground in fine voice and close to capacity, simple expecta-tions had already propelled fast and furious opening few minutes, with Michael Gray range shot high into the

Roker Park end. clearly affected by the lengthy

Set by Orlando

resulting change of person- his tally but Nick Barmby's nel. Middlesbrough's ability to step up a gear was more amply rewarded when Emerson took advantage of a half-Melville to rifle his right-foot shot high above a flailing deflection from Paul Bracewell's foot only adding

insult to Agnew's injury. Not that Robson's team. with only one away win in the Premiership to their name all season, displayed greater de-fensive prowess, though Phil Whelan could count himself desperately unlucky to be punished for a tame penaltybox push on Stewart. Graham Poll had no such doubts,

pointed to the spot and up tepped Rae. Emerson's forceful midfield presence and barnstorming runs from deep was a source of much of Middlesbrough's momentum. Only smart work from Coton prevented him

tracted spell of head tennis with the ball falling kindly at With tempers already close to snapping. Ord's 58th min-

ute sending off for a needless stamp on Barmby added an air of menace to what had been a largely fair, if fierce, encounter. That merely galvanised a raucous home crowd who roared their charges into abandoning their instincts and careering forward. Their tireless skipper

Kevin Ball took up the challenge, scampered from deep and sent an inch-perfect cross to the far post, where Russell was on hand to claim his first goal of the season.

## Playing the fool no joke for Bosnich



Richard Williams

simple and threefold: never eat at a place called Ma's, never play poker with a man called Doc, and never assume that anyone else shares your sense of humour. Or even that you have one worth sharing, unless you are being paid a great deal for that specific purpose. There must have been a ter-

rible moment for Mark Bosnich at White Hart Lane on Saturday when he realised what he had done and how badly his attempted joke had misfired.

In trying to respond to the taunting of the Tottenham fans by mimicking Adolf Hit-ler, the Aston Villa goalkeeper ed John Cleese's Basil Fawlty as his model. He stuck one arm up in the Nazi salute, putting the gloved fingers of the other hand across his upper lip in mimicry of the

The deeper implications of his little jest were swiftly made then he has been giving an im-personation of another celethe hapless hotelier, having in-advertently placed his sootcovered hands upon the freshly laundered T-shirt covering the breasts of a young Australian guest an instant be-

fore his formidable wife appears, clasps his hands to his head and hops around in an brought down the wrath of the referee, who booked him; of

Jewish and anti-racist organisations: of the police, who are investigating the affair with a view to sending a report to the Crown Prosecution Ser-vice; and of the Football Association, which announced yesterday that he would be charged with misconduct.

A couple of hours after his offence Bosnich called Six-O-Six. Radio 5 Live's phone-in show, to apologise for his stupidity. But the Sunday and Monday papers were full of it, their coverage identifying the origin of the incident in his crude foul on Jürgen Klinsmann during a Spurs-Villa match two seasons ago, which has made him a particular tar-get for abuse. The traditionally

high proportion of people with Tottenham's supporters was clearly a factor in the angry response, and the player's Cro-atian ancestry was darkly prof-fered as somehow having con-tributed to his motivation.

Yesterday, still trying to exiate his sin by acknowledging it, Bosnich faxed his agent which was then sent — unretouched, Smith told me — to the Press Association.

"During a hold-up in the nich wrote, "the crowd behind my goal were chanting at me and I was smiling and thinking that after two months out with an injury, how good it was to be back again and how nothing had changed.

"A reference was then made about the Klinsmann incident which was amusing, and spontaneously, to join in their banter, I mimicked the Basil Fawlty' salute as a mere jocu-Is a cknowledgment of the crowd's banter.

"I am very sorry if I offended anybody. No offence was ever intended, only comical mimicry. I sincerely hope that this attempt at humour and the very genuine sorrow this now unfortunate matter. do not comprehend that people would believe that someone with a Jewish aunt would in any way go out to

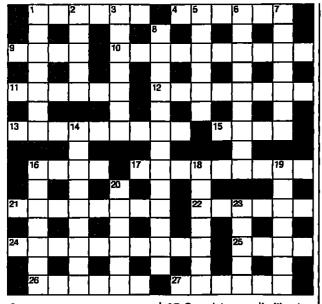
deliberately offend people. "In closing I would like to say this: anti-Semitism and racism are crimes of human ity. Ignorance and jocularity are not."

Assuming that he meant crimes against humanity and that the ignorance he referred to is his own, I don't think anyone could take issue with Bosnich's apology. The FA dis-ciplinary committee should meet swiftly, dress him down and issue a stern general sense, then, to leave it at that.

TANY rate, let us hear no more from Glyn Ford, a Member of the European Parliament, who called for Bosnich to be expelled from the game and proclaimed: "He says it was a joke that went wrong. That is like Eichmann saying the con-centration camps were a joke that went wrong."

Well, one knows what Mr Ford meant, just about. But perhaps the Manchester voters who sent him to Strasbourg would care to think hard about the judgment of a man who, when directing our attention to such a profound moral issue, can get a simile so far out of proportion. Adolf Eichmann? Mark Bosnich? Give over.

### **Guardian Crossword No 20,784**



1 Praise for Rome in Church of England article (6)

- 4 Remained sober, so we hea 9 Harrow's air force (4)
- 10 Thriving American follow Miranda's father (10) 11 Sally is kind, that is evident (6)
- 13 Short stories one's acted
- 15 Rod, getting pale and sickly, dled (4) 16 The sound of deodorised 17 Alpine flower is one less

weed to worry about (9)

- 21 No harm at all at sea in the long run (8)
- 22 Part of Ireland's force ever never-ending (6) 24 Saint is outwardly happy and true to principles (10)
- 25 Rascal on island with warriors (4) 26 About half a hundred do -
- but not all (6) 27 Delicate proposal (6)

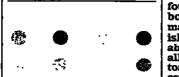
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- 1 Tin containing outdoor vegetable (7) 2 Worry about gnats? (5)
- 3 The top dog has to drink more rum (7) 5 First-rate suggestion to
- party leader (3-3) 6 A delay for mixing a long drink? (4,2,3)
- tough (7) 8 Sun soon heated Essex (8-2-3)
- 14 Solicitor salis on south-eas river (9) 16 A dish Aesop cooked up
- 18 Will beneficiary put entrance in shelter? (7) 19 Get small fault finder to run

20 Tool for cheat (6) 23 Landed proprietor in centra Airdrie? (5)

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## John Duncan

ARK TOUT became the first British athlete to admit deliberate steroid use yesterday when it was revealed that

lengthy bans.

he has been banned for life after testing positive for anabolic steroids. Tout, who has driven in four winter Olympics in both two-man and fourman teams, is the first British athlete to talk publicly about why he took steroids all other disgraced competitors have protested inno-cence even in the face of

drug which caused the sprinter Jason Livingston to be sent home from Barcelona, and was caught in a random Sports Council test conducted last month at his Kew home.

"I completely regret doing it." he said. "I have been carrying an injury for the last four years and had various treatments with no success. Then speaking to various people and taking advice that maybe taking advice that maybe taking drugs would help that problem was one reason why I tried it. It helped when I was training hard and the injury kept breaking down.

It is understood that the Sports Council had targeted the bobsleigh team for testing, having had "suspicions" over the past months. Bobsleigh is a

Tout took stanozolol, the It speeds up the healing." power sport, the key rug which caused the The identity of the "variprinter Jason Livingston ous people" will be a subject of concern to the British Bobsleigh Association

> Tout implied in an interview with BBC Radio 5 Live that drug-taking was more widespread than has been believed. "I am an educated what goes on in the world and in sport in general."

racers are former sprinters or decathletes. and the British bobsleigh team coach Horst Hornlein. No British bobsleigh racer has previously failed a drugs test, though the

was sent home from the 1994 winter Olympics after dienone, another steroid. Tout, a former army cor poral with the Royal Tank Regiment, must now pick up the pieces of his life. "My funding was cut as have to get on with life and

# Bobsleigh Briton given life drug ban

Austrian Gerhard Rainer find some employment."

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